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Villagers join forces in wind turbine protest

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MK basketball star shows compassion to tornado victims

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Council's £207m contractor 'watched' after boss quits

THE council is 'keeping a close eye' on developments at the private company to which it is paying more than £200million after its chief executive resigned over an 'actuarial error'.

Currently Milton Keynes Council holds a 12-year contract with Mouchel, which was signed in 2004 and is worth £207m, for the company to deliver 'a substantial proportion of operational and back-office functions' such as IT.

On October 6, the company announced chief executive Richard Cuthbert's resignation after he discovered an error led to a one-off gain being reported as £4.3m higher than its actual amount, which in turn had an impact on profits for the year to July 31.

This has led to councillors expressing their concern, and the council's finance director making a statement at a cabinet meeting last Tuesday.

Cllr Norman Miles, leader of the Labour group, has written to council chief executive David Hill asking for a meeting with him and leader Andrew Geary to ensure taxpayers are protected.

He said: "My priority is to ensure a range of council services and the council's finances are protected. That's why I welcomed the finance director's statement and why I'm offering to work with the chief executive and council leader to ensure the authority is safe from any risks."

A Mouchel spokesman said: "The company continues to trade and generate cash. It has a solid customer base and a strong order book and pipeline which provides good visibility of earnings for the group during the next three to five years and a sustainable market position for longer.

"Mouchel remains committed to delivering excellent services to MK Council and its citizens through the partnership. Service levels and day-to-day delivery will remain consistent."

The council has also moved to reassure taxpayers.

A spokesman for the authority said: "As Mouchel is contracted to provide a substantial proportion of MKC operational and back office functions, we have been keeping a close eye on developments.

"Our firm expectation is that Mouchel will continue to discharge its contractual obligations to MKC."

Grim discovery as body found in lake

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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THE body of a man was recovered from a city lake yesterday afternoon.

Police were called by a member of the public at around 2.20pm after the discovery was made in Furzton Lake, by Bilbrook Lane.

The find has left residents of the quiet upmarket estate in shock.

Rimal Daya, who lives opposite the site where scene of crime officers were conducting their investigation, said: "It's just bizarre, you don't expect a body on your doorstep.

"This is a really nice quiet street, so this is kind of weird there's a body just outside our window.

"You don't get anything like this happening around here."

After the discovery was made, firefighters from Newport Pagnell's water safety unit pulled the body out of the water which was about ten metres from land.

Detectives were still at the scene last night trying to establish the cause of death, which was being treated as unexplained.

The dead man is described as white and aged in his twenties or thirties.

For more information, keep checking www.mk-news.co.uk.

SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY: Police yesterday by Bilbrook Lane after a body was found in Furzton Lake

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Dot Barber with the bible she found dating back more than 100 years
Picture by Ed Nix courtesy of the Oxford Mail

Search on for owner of 1879 birthday bible

BY GEORGINA BUTLER
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A BIBLE birthday gift is waiting to be returned to its rightful owner after being found in a house in Bletchley.

A century ago the book was diligently used to record the highs and lows of family life.

Dot Barber, a nurse from Bicester, discovered the Bible while clearing out her father's house.

She has since set her mind to tracking down the family of Mary Beesley, the original owner.

She said: "It is an incredibly big, heavy book and beautifully illustrated.

"There is a handwritten message to Mary Beesley from her father inside the Bible.

"It was a gift he gave to her for her ninth birthday in 1879.

"It would have been much too big for a nine-year-old to carry but it is a beautiful gift."

Mrs Barber's father, Alfred Massey, 95, has lived in Bletchley for over 60 years. He was told the book had been left at his great grandmother's house in Bicester by a lodger.

The book chronicles the marriage of Mary Beesley to Thomas Collins in 1891 and records the birth of four children – Bertie Beesley and Esther, Frank and Ellen Collins – between 1889 and 1894.

The Bible was also used to record the death of four children between 1882 and 1893, aged between two months and six years.

They were Emily and Frank Beesley, who both died in 1882 aged six and four years respectively, Bertie Beesley, who died aged four in 1893 and Frank Collins, who died in 1893 aged two months.

Dot added: "I am not sure of the link between my family and the Beesleys or Collins but I am interested in finding out more and helping someone else discover more about their family."

Anyone who can help should call Dot on 07707 755167.

Is there something that you want MK's top Conservative to answer?

DO YOU have a pressing question you want answered by the city's top councillor?

On Friday MK NEWS will be interviewing the leader of Milton Keynes Council, Conservative Cllr Andrew Geary, and we want your questions.

It is now almost six months since the Conservatives took over as the council's top party, winning the right to form a minority administration in May's Local Elections.

We will be finding out how he feels their first six months in charge have gone, and also want to find out the answers to some of the burning questions our readers have.

If you have anything you would like us to ask Cllr Geary, e-mail adam.grinsell@mk-news.co.uk, or call the newsdesk on 01908 689595.

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Boy, 7, attacked by dog

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD boy needed hospital treatment after a dog attack at a nature reserve in Bletchley during a day out. The incident happened at around 3.50pm on Sunday, October 16, at the Blue Lagoon Local Nature Reserve in Bletchley, when the boy was with his parents feeding the ducks. The dog was one of two with a nearby couple, described as being in their late twenties, who were fishing. The boy was left with four puncture wounds on his upper arm and was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital, and released after receiving treatment.
The dog is described as having a Labrador body with a Staffordshire face, white in colour with red dots over his fur and believed to be called Sonic. Anyone with information should call 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Panto charity tickets

SPECIAL tickets for the panto Aladdin at MK Theatre are being sold to help fund ChildLine. The NSPCC has announced the release of special tickets, costing £25 per person, for the show on December 16, at 1pm, which have been subsidised by the Ambassador Theatre Group to help raise funds for the free 24-hour confidential helpline and online support service. For every ticket sold, £7 will go directly to fund ChildLine's services. For more information or to book (no booking fee) call 01908 328 060 or email eastappeals@nspcc.org.uk

Church auction night

CELEBRITY auctioneer Charlie Ross will support the Bow Brickhill church tower restoration project on Friday. 'An Evening with Charlie Ross' will see a football shirt signed by Geoff Hurst MBE, a miner's lamp and a bottle of wine signed by the Prime Minister go under the hammer.
Charlie was born in Bow Brickhill and has appeared in many television programmes including Flog It and Antiques Roadshow. The church tower, which is believed to have stood since 1185, needs restoration and the community is working hard to raise funds. For more information and to find out how to make written bids, visit www.bowbrickhill.com/astra/astra.htm

Woman's cash robbed

A WOMAN was badly shaken after being robbed at the end of a Saturday night out.
The 39-year-old was walking home when she stopped to use the cashpoint in Silbury Boulevard at about 10pm on October 15. After she had withdrawn the money, she was shoved from behind, causing her to fall over.
The money she had withdrawn - £30 – and her bankcard were stolen out of her hand. The victim saw two men described as wearing dark clothing and a woman wearing a short, black skirt, with tights and flat shoes. Anyone with information should contact the police on 0845 8 505 505

Lions US signing arrives with one bag after giving away possessions to tornado victims

NEW MK Lions signing Howard Crawford (right) proved that he is one of the kindest players on the basketball court by donating the majority of his clothes to tornado victims.

The 23-year-old American stunned Lions owner Vince Macaulay when he arrived in England clutching only a small bag, but that was all the 6' 9" power forward needed.

He decided to start afresh in this country and give away his clothes after seeing the destruction left by tornadoes in his home state of Alabama in April.

Nearly 350 people died when an outbreak of several tornadoes, which has been dubbed the Super Outbreak, swept through the south, midwest and north-eastern parts of the country.

Howard donated his items to families in ravaged Tuscaloosa, near to his home town of Union, where there were nearly 50 deaths and more than 1,000 injuries.

He said: "It was really close to home. I felt like the people hit by the tornado could benefit from the clothes and shoes more than I could.

"My family is very close and we always made the most of what we had."

The new Lions man arrived in Milton Keynes last month ahead of the new British Basketball League season and is yet to replace the clothes he has given away, saying he 'hasn't got round to it'.

He has previously played in Kuwait and the Netherlands and was already something of a hero in his local area having given his school their first state championship – a big accomplishment for his community.

Deaf teen, 18, fears being alone after underpass attack

BY GEORGINA BUTLER
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A PROFOUNDLY deaf teenager is no longer confident walking by himself after being the victim of an unprovoked attack which was filmed by two thugs.

The incident happened between 9am and 9.30am on Friday, October 14, in the underpass of the V6 Grafton Street, at the junction with H8 Standing Way.

The 18-year-old victim was attacked by a man who punched him, while another man filmed the incident on his mobile phone.

The victim suffered red marks to the side of his face and a lump under and above his eyebrow.

He later suffered a panic attack and needed hospital treatment.

PC Steve Cann, who is investigating the incident, said: "This unprovoked attack has left the victim very shaken and he is no longer confident to walk outside by himself.

"The offenders came from the Coffee Hall/Beanhill area and ran off towards the Bleak Hall area.

"I am keen to speak to any witnesses and anyone who may have seen the video of this incident."

The first offender is white, 18-19 years-old, 5ft 7ins to 5ft 10ins, slim, with short black hair.

He was wearing a black baseball cap, black hooded top, black tracksuit bottoms and black trainers, possibly Nike and also carried a black bag with blue stitching.

The second man, who filmed the incident, is white, 18-19 years-old, 5ft 5ins to 5ft 7ins, slim, with short brown hair and a beard.

He was wearing a white Adidas jumper, blue jeans and white trainers. Contact PC Cann via 0845 8 505 505 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Life sentence for killer whose victim died nine years after attack with screwdriver

THE man found guilty of murder 11 years after an attack in which he stabbed a young Tesco worker in the head with a screwdriver has been sentenced to life in prison.

Leigh Clift *(left)*, 31, from Bletchley, was told on Thursday at a hearing at Luton Crown Court he must serve a minimum of six years.

As reported last week, Clift was found guilty of the murder of Jonathan Barton, after the attack in the car park of The Beacon pub in Bletchley in 2000.

The incident, for which Clift has already served five years in prison for GBH, left Mr Barton with catastrophic brain injuries, meaning he lived in a semi-vegetative state, unable to feed himself or swallow, until his death in 2009.

During the trial, the court was told medical findings revealed Mr Barton died as a result of the attack nine years earlier.

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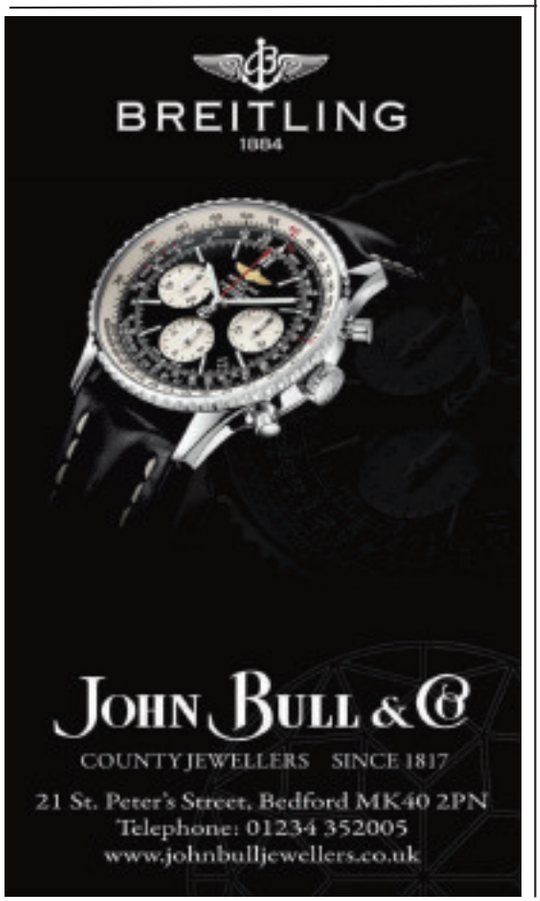

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Come on Councillor, show some support for the city

SIR - Councillor Sam Crooks should take a leaf from his own book – instead of talking Milton Keynes down, he should be enthusiastic about its achievements ('Council told to 'stick up' for the city', MK NEWS, October 12).

Of course it will be sad if the BBC cancels the city's breakfast programme but the corporation is making massive cuts across the network and the current administration can hardly be held accountable.

Come on Cllr Crooks, stop playing politics and do what you are imploring others to do – stick up for Milton Keynes.

Cllr Graham Bushell
Little Brickhill Parish Council

An impressive record for the Conservatives so far

SIR - Councillor Sam Crooks takes the biscuit.

As a resident of Milton Keynes, I am flabbergasted by his remarks.

He seems to have conveniently forgotten that his party led the administration until May this year and that as a previous leader of the Lib Dems he was very influential in everything that happened during their nine years leading the council.

The council nurseries are a recent example where Mr Crooks spoke eloquently at the Children's and Young Persons Select Committee about options to keep the nurseries open.

What a pity he didn't do this while he was the cabinet member with portfolio responsibility for finance before May this year, instead he was happy to support their closure.

The Conservatives have been leading the administration for only six months and I think have an impressive track record so far, with far more in the pipeline.

I spent more than 30 years working in the private sector and my belief is that, from their track record so far, the Conservative cabinet are a talented, hardworking team who are listening to the people and businesses they represent and are determined to see Milton Keynes prosper through their leadership.

There will I am sure be ups and downs but please let's give this team a chance Cllr Crooks.

John Bussey
Sent by e-mail

We're doing well but fight must be to keep us there

SIR - We are all hugely positive about Milton Keynes. My point was that we have to be on our guard. Competitors are catching up. We have recently lost a number of big firms to other areas, now Volkswagen are considering moving, and we are losing potential newcomers to other cities like Peterborough.

Similarly external agencies – whether government departments or national bodies like the BBC – will be implementing cuts that may mean local redundancies. I believe that we are one of the top cities in the land – but the council must fight to keep us there.

Sam Crooks
Leader of the opposition

The fear of losing may be stopping the Dons winning

SIR - What on earth is happening down at stadiummk?

They were so negative last Saturday you would have thought they were playing Manchester City.

In the first five minutes they completed 20 passes and never moved out of their own half, in the first half they had one shot on target and that was from Adam Smith, the right back.

They only showed any urgency in the last ten minutes of the game, even then they hardly troubled the keeper.

Two free kicks from the edge of the area flew three yards over the bar.

I'm all for playing football but it has to be positive not negative, they seem to be afraid to shoot when they get into the box. They will not gain promotion by drawing games that they should win.

I feel sorry for all the families that brought their young children to the game last week, they won't come back in a hurry after watching that performance.

If I didn't have a season ticket I don't think I would come again until they changed their tactics and attitude.

I know Karl Robinson believes in playing attractive football but it seems to be an attitude of 'do not lose at any cost' even against teams that they should beat. The loss of Sam Baldock is looking to be a unwise move even at £2million.

Season Ticket Holder Since Day One
Sent by e-mail

Residents' parking must be extended to every estate

SIR - I note that people are parking on the city centre estates where residents parking is not in force.

I must say I am very disappointed by the new administration at the council who did not listen to concerns and warnings that this would happen.

The whole of the area should have been made residents' parking.

Making the hours from 9am to 3pm is hardly going to help either as the shopping centre is going to be open until 8pm. Free parking starts at the city centre at 6pm.

For those concerned who do not have a car, the council will issue people living on these estates with visitors' parking as long as you have ID to prove where you live. A bill with your name and address is sufficient.

Pauline Wallis
Sent by e-mail

Wear your poppies with pride… lest we forget

SIR - Once again this year on November 11 at 11am people all across Milton Keynes and the nation will stop for two minutes to mark the moment 92 years ago when the guns fell silent in the First World War.

Since that time the day has become a poignant time to remember people who have fallen in that and subsequent conflicts.

The Royal British Legion, who do so much for those currently serving in the armed forces, ex-servicemen and women and their families, will over the coming weeks be doing a great deal to raise their profile and funds, including selling poppies.

The poppy was the first plant to spring to life on the battlefields at the end of the First World War and were noted by the Canadian Doctor John McCrae, who penned one of the most famous wartime poems after witnessing the sight of poppies on the battle fields of Flanders in 1915: "In Flanders fields the poppies blow; Between the crosses, row on row."

Since that time the poppy has been synonymous with fallen soldiers and is used world wide as a demonstration of respect to men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

On Sunday, November 13, across the whole of the country, wreaths will be laid at memorials to the fallen, including in Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes has many local centres with memorials where dignitaries, veterans, serving soldiers and ordinary people alike will meet to pay their respects.

I myself will be attending services in Newport Pagnell and Stony Stratford.

So over the next few weeks when you see poppies on sale I would encourage everyone to make a donation and to wear a poppy with pride, to honour and support the brave men, women and their families who have sacrificed so much to defend the freedoms we all enjoy.

Cllr Alan Richards
Mayor of Milton Keynes

Economic recovery being stifled by Coalition cuts

SIR - This is a really worrying time for families and businesses, struggling with higher food prices and gas bills and worried about their jobs and their children's futures.

The Tory-led Government is cutting too far and too fast and risks choking off economic recovery.

Unemployment is rising again and is currently at the highest level in 17 years.

One in five young people is out of work and now more women are unemployed than at any time since 1988.

We need to act now to show the Tory-led Government that there is another way.

Labour has set out a clear five-point plan for jobs (MK NEWS, October 19, 'Plans to help the young into work'), to help struggling families and support small businesses – I hope you will join me in supporting their calls for change.

Brian Barton
Milton Keynes Labour Party Secretary

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Police seek witnesses after phone robbers stamped on teenage victim

AN eighteen-year-old had his head stamped on several times in a phone robbery last Sunday.

At about 7.45pm on October 16, an 18-year-old man was walking home along Westminster Drive with a friend who was on a bike some yards ahead of him.

The victim was talking on his mobile phone, when two men assaulted him from behind, punching him several times to the head and body.

He fell to the floor and the offenders stamped on his head about five times, before running off with his iPhone.

The victim was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital to be checked over and was discharged with no serious injuries, although he was left very shaken.

The black iPhone had a Gears of War 3 sticker on it and a half moon shaped crack on the bottom left corner of the screen, with dents in the top and a chip in the top left corner.

The first man was black with very dark skin, about 6ft 2ins, of average build, aged about 18 years old.

He was wearing a black zip-up jacket, black tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. The second man was mixed race, about 5ft 4ins, of average build and about 19 years old.

He was wearing a brown jacket with the hood pulled up over his head, black tracksuit bottoms and black trainers.

Anyone who witnessed the robbery, has been offered a similar phone for sale or recognises the description of the offenders should contact Det Con Reg Jones on 0845 8 505 505.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

F1 Red Bull stars to parade through streets of the city

BY DAN PALMER
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DOUBLE World Champions Red Bull Racing are planning a huge celebration of their success on the city's streets.

Staff at the F1 team's base in Tilbrook have been in party mood after the constructors' title was added to Sebastian Vettel's drivers' crown last week.

Now, Red Bull's winning car will be taken for a spin through MK to celebrate and tens of thousands are expected to line the streets to see the speed machine in action.

The team have yet to confirm whether Vettel and fellow driver Mark Webber will be present at the event on December 10, but MK NEWS understands that there's a good chance of the main men themselves being behind the wheel.

Local businesses are sponsoring the celebration and Milton Keynes Council are also involved with the organisation.

Some roads in CMK will be closed to traffic while the Red Bull car is in action along the full length of Midsummer Boulevard between Saxon Gate and Grafton Gate.

Champions: Drivers' crown winner Sebastien Vettel in the Red Bull Racing car

Other attractions, exhibitions and demonstrations to help highlight the excitement and technology behind Formula One are also planned.

Council leader Andrew Geary said: "Our warm congratulations go out to the whole team at Tilbrook in Milton Keynes and specifically Sebastian Vettel as 2011 World Champion, Mark Webber and Team Principal Christian Horner.

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Your chance to have say on libraries' future

THE future of our libraries is still under review and a meeting next week will offer the chance for more people to put forward their thoughts.

The Partnerships & Growth Select Committee will consider the strategy for libraries in Milton Keynes and Committee members are being asked to comment on the latest consultation document.

'Future Libraries – Milton Keynes (A Review and Plan of the Delivery of Library Services)' has been prepared in light of the need to re-examine the way in which library services are delivered.

The review was carried out between April and September and sets out a proposed direction for the next three to five years to sustain our libraries for the future. Proposed changes include increasing opportunities for involvement to help communities to make better use of library buildings and increases in loan charges to make the service more sustainable.

The meeting will be held next Tuesday at 7pm in the Council Chamber at the Civic Offices.

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Group's plea over grid roads scheme

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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WORK to ensure the city's famous grid roads will be extended into the new expansion areas has been praised – but one pressure group says more needs to be done.

Behind-the-scenes negotiations have been ongoing between Milton Keynes Council and the developers of the Western Expansion Area (WEA) to try to ensure the extension of grid roads into the new development.

The extensions would be instead of 'city streets', currently in use in new developments such as Broughton, on which the speed limit is reduced, crossings could be introduced, and where houses are built at the sides of the road.

Although city streets are a part of the proposals already given outline planning permission, a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed between the council and developers to secure 'a future highway network in the WEA that complies with the commitment to grid roads'.

This could now mean the H2 and H3 would be extended beyond the V4 into the middle of the expansion area, with space reserved for them to continue westward, and a possible extension of the V2 northward to run parallel to the V4.

This has been welcomed by Cllr John Bint, cabinet member for highways, as a milestone.

He added: "This is something we've been working on quietly since May. This is an initiative from the new administration."

Theo Chalmers, chairman of pressure group Urban Eden which fights to maintain the original plans for the city, has welcomed the move away from city streets, but believes more could be done.

He said: "They've only committed to build the grid roads for a certain length, but to leave reserves for where they can be extended.

"There are lots of issues to be resolved with the WEA, but it's better than it was."

Canal clean-up produces haul of treasures including motorbikes, a television and **two** messages in a bottle

ONE message in a bottle is generally the norm but volunteers cleaning up the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes last weekend found two messages in one bottle.

Over 40 local volunteers and 30 scouts from Leighton Buzzard and Linslade gave up their time to clean up the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes.

The much-loved stretch of waterway is now looking spruced up after receiving their tender love and care.

The haul of recovered property included 13 supermarket trollies, 19 bicycles, four motorbikes, 28 tyres, eight traffic cones and numerous other items, including a television, a computer, a photocopier, a generator, a rabbit hutch (minus rabbit), numerous footballs and two messages in one bottle.

Caroline Bambridge was the volunteer who found the bottles.

She said: "I have never volunteered before but I holiday on the canal. It was a great day and the messages were a surprise."

The messages were from July 11, 2009, one was written by a boy called Jonathon who wrote that he was '4 nearly 5'.

He added: 'Please come on a boat and tell everyone as you are worth it.'

The second message was signed 'Hannah', and also described the benefits of being on a boat and read: 'It is just you and freedom so recommend it to anyone who needs to 'chillaxe' or relax.' Jeff Whyatt, British Waterways' senior manager, said: "The Grand Union Canal flows discreetly through Milton Keynes and many residents are lucky enough to have this waterway right on their doorstep.

Canal communications: Caroline Bambridge with the letters she found in a bottle in the Grand Union

"It is a shame then that many people see the canal as a dumping ground and it always amazes me what people throw into the canal."

The task saw over nine miles of canal tidied – from Fenny Stratford to Wolverton – and was supported by British Waterways and generously sponsored by Wyvern Shipping Company of Linslade.

■ To get involved in volunteering with the Inland Waterways Association in Milton Keynes contact Rodney Evans on 01908 376449.

'Lucky' flat blaze victim is taken to hospital

A MAN was taken to hospital yesterday morning after a fire at his flat.

The blaze started shortly before 6am when candles were left burning unattended in the bathroom, at the property in Brownbaker Court, Neath Hill.

Although the man was able to leave the building after discovering the fire, he had to be treated for the affects of breathing in smoke.

Watch manager Andy Vernon from Broughton Fire Station said: "It was lucky that he discovered the fire when he did, because although there was a smoke alarm in the flat, it wasn't working because the battery was missing. It is very important to have working smoke alarms in your home, and to test them once a week."

Firefighters are now reminding people to be careful, as more than five fires a day are started in the UK by candles, and the consequences can be tragic.

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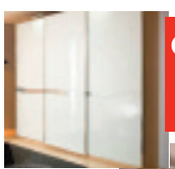

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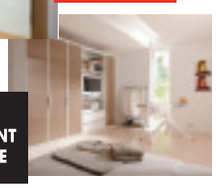

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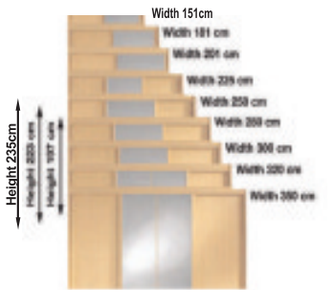

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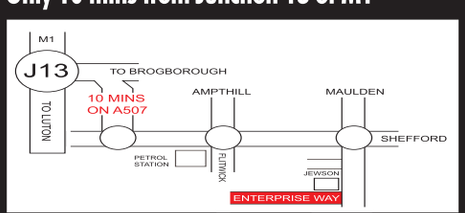

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It's a 'no' vote in windfarm battle

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE campaign against five wind turbines to the north of the city has gathered pace – as the council considers its policy on windfarm applications.

Three-quarters of 268 people who voted in a poll, or mini referendum, in the parish of Haversham Cum Little Linford went against the proposed Orchard Way windfarm.

The application from RWE Npower Renewables, expected to be heard by a planning committee in January, would see five turbines up to 127 metres in height erected at a site between the two villages.

Pam Williams, of the Stop Haversham Windfarm Group, said: "The proposal is completely inappropriate.

"People aren't against renewable energy, but these are five turbines the size of the London Eye that will tower over both villages.

"We've been campaigning since we first learnt about this in February, and we have quite a few people on our database."

The news of the opposition in the villages comes as Milton Keynes Council is considering its policy with regards to windfarm planning applications.

Opposition: Campaigner Pam Williams of Stop Haversham Windfarm

Policy D5, which governs the way the planning committee considers windfarm applications, is being reviewed for possible changes as suggested by the borough's parish councils following a consultation through the summer.

Many responses suggested a change to rules on the distances allowed between turbines and houses or paths and bridleways.

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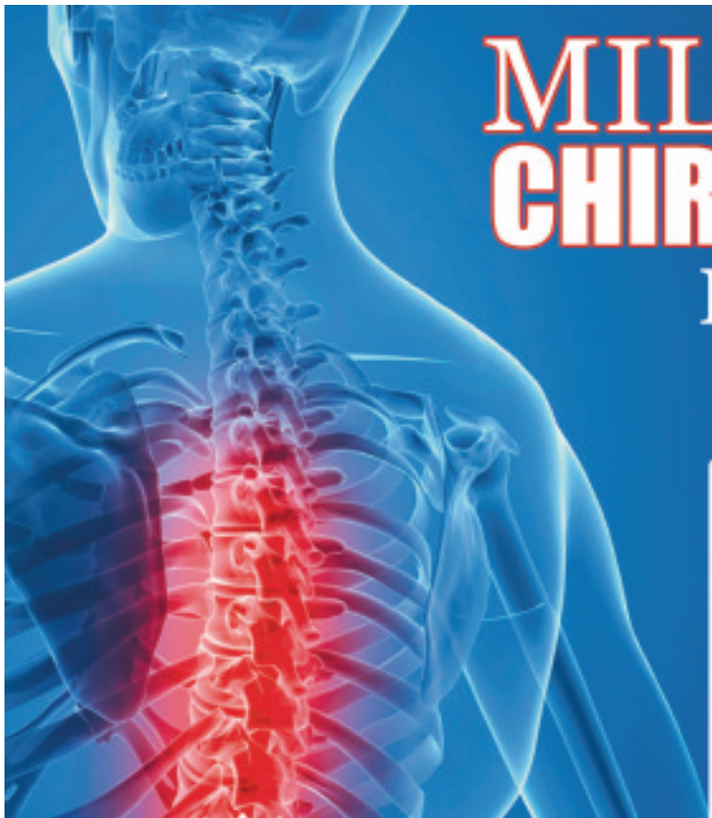

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Purr-fect ending for cat missing on site

BY GEORGINA BUTLER
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A BELOVED pet is safe after a near 'cat-astrophe' in Oxley Park.

Honey, a two-year-old cat, went missing when owner Emma Smith, aged 30, stayed with her mother, opposite the Persimmon Homes Oxley Springs development.

Emma said: "Honey had been missing for nearly two weeks when I heard distressed crying coming from where they're building new homes."

After calling the RSPCA, Emma and her father alerted the groundworkers who immediately stopped working and began taking the foundations apart.

Emma said: "The builders were just fantastic.

"They had no hesitation in knocking out bricks."

Cat's great news: *From left*, Ian Macdonald, Emma Smith with rescued Honey, Maurice Simmons and Brian Broagan

Emma eventually managed to entice Honey out with a tin of tuna.

Although quite thin after her ordeal in September, Honey was given a clean bill of health by the vet and the mischievous moggy has made a full recovery.

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Support for hospice despite lottery fears

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KIND-HEARTED residents have continued to show their support for seriously ill patients in the city, despite fears a new Health Lottery would lead to a lack of funding.

Keech Hospice Care, which supports children across Milton Keynes, is completely reliant on the £700,000 generated annually by its own fundraising lottery.

Hospice leaders did fear there would be less support for it as people opted to play the new national Health Lottery instead.

However, Stevie Pattison-Dick, head of marketing and communications for Keech Hospice, said: "The Keech Lottery has not been affected as we thought it might by this new lottery.

"The Hospice is very well supported and supporters have stayed loyal to us and our work."

Earlier this month, Keech Hospice joined with other national hospices to say 'No to The Health Lottery'.

Stevie added: "We have had some new people join the Keech Lottery as a result of the coverage for the 'Say No' campaign. The concern is the small amount of money the national lottery is giving to charity."

Stevie Pattison-Dick: 'Supporters have stayed loyal'

The national Health Lottery will donate 20p to charity for every £1 spent on tickets, while the Keech Lottery uses 80p in every £1 to support local people.

Willen Hospice is currently considering its position regarding the 'Say No' campaign.

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Good times bring award for James

James Levey: Behaviour turnaround won award

BY GEORGINA BUTLER
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A STUDENT who holds the record for the most red alert slips for poor behaviour in his college has made a turnaround so remarkable he has won an award.

James Levey, 19, was presented with the 2011 Student of the Year prize at Milton Keynes College's annual Hotel, Catering and Hospitality Awards, held at Woburn Sculpture Gallery last Wednesday.

Mark Lewis, Milton Keynes College's manager for catering and enterprise, said: "In his first year with us, James received 52 red alert slips, which are warnings for things like incomplete work and not turning up.

"In his second year, he got 47.

"We'd given him so much encouragement and support, but it just wasn't working and we had to say he couldn't come back for his third year."

James – who is from Sherington Bridge and has ADHD and dyslexia – realised he had run out of chances.

He said: "My heart just sank.

"Catering is the only thing I've ever been good at.

"Finally I realised it was down to me to change."

He appealed the decision and managed to convince the college to give him one last chance.

Mr Lewis added: "We do not want to encourage other students to try to break his record but James has done very well in turning his behaviour around."

James is about to start a new job as a demi-chef de partie at Whittlebury Hall.

He said: "I've never felt a feeling like this.

"I owe it all to the college and my tutors," who have been fantastic."

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Blackspot check is 'years overdue'

BY GEORGINA BUTLER
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AN accident blackspot is still waiting to undergo a safety check that was agreed four years ago, according to one city councillor.

The junction between the A421 (Standing Way, H8) and Trafalgar Avenue is recognised as a dangerous spot following a series of incidents in the last few years.

West Bletchley Parish Councillor Mick Legg has explained how on March 11 2008, Labour councillors secured a decision of Milton Keynes Council to 'consider formally a junction safety assessment and noise reduction assessment for this stretch of the H8 and not limiting it to the possibility of speed reduction'.

Four-and-a-half years on the assessment has not been undertaken.

The councillor says he has called on the authority to change the road system at the junction repeatedly over the last five years.

Cllr Legg said: "We were given a very clear commitment that action would be taken commencing with a road safety and noise assessment.

"Yet four and a half years later there has been no action."

'Dangerous': The busy Trafalgar Avenue junction with Standing Way

Earlier this month MKNEWS reported on Cllr Legg's concerns about the junction and he has now written to Cabinet boss John Bint seeking urgent action.

He has also placed the matter on the agenda for the next West Bletchley Parish Council meeting on Monday and is asking residents attend.

Cllr Legg added: "It is sad that the council has paid this matter so little attention."

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said: " Following further concerns raised about the safety of this junction, council road safety officers have analysed the accident statistics and made site visits to assess the junction.

"The analysis shows that the majority of the injury accidents have occurred from right turns from the H8 into Trafalgar Avenue, and only one from a left turn onto the H8.

"Officers have recommended that the gap in this central crossing should be closed and will now start the legal process of prohibiting vehicle movements, which will include consulting with the local community and parish council."

Cllr John Bint, Cabinet member for Transport, added: "I take road safety very seriously – I am pleased that officers have responded quickly when the concern was raised, and I will be supporting this work as soon as the budget and resources allow."

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Wounded Mark in stadiummk pledge

BY DAN PALMER
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A DONS supporting soldier who has had his right leg amputated is hoping to take centre stage at stadiummk to mark Armed Forces Day.

Mark Smith, 26, of The 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, will carry out the ball on November 5 when Dons take on Rochdale.

In July, he was training on a firing range in Canada when a freak accident saw him take multiple gunshot wounds to the shoulder and leg.

He is due to have a prosthetic limb fitted today (Wednesday) and is determined to be able to walk out during the League One clash.

Dons will wear unique kit which will feature a poppy and money will also be raised for the poppy appeal during the day.

Mark said: "I survived Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan without a scratch, but this happened in Canada.

"I regard myself as massively lucky as with the injuries I sustained I shouldn't be here at all.

"It's going to be a massive day for me, it's great as not many clubs do things like this."

Mark Smith with MK Dons assistant manager John Gorman and players David Martin and Dean Lewington launch the Armed Forces Day appeal at stadiummk

Mark, who used to play football himself for Stony Stratford Town, has supported Dons since the National Hockey Stadium days and even has a tattoo of the club crest.

He has a nine-month-son, Ellis, and joked that the two of them were in a race to see who would walk first.

"The ultimate aim is to be able to walk out onto the pitch – that'll be a long way to have come in three months," he said.

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Fans pay tribute to MK's Dan

BY DAN PALMER
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Fans at the Dons v Scunthorpe match during the minute's applause as a mark of respect for Dan Wheldon, above

FANS gathered in their thousands on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the life of city race hero Dan Wheldon.

The mourners packed out the Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis to pay their respects for Emberton's most famous son, who was tragically killed in an IndyCar crash in Las Vegas.

It was a fitting location as Dan's career defining moments were twice winning the Indianapolis 500, arguably the world's most famous motorsport race.

Ten speakers spoke of the phenomenal career the 33-year-old had, and there were also pictures and music.

On Saturday, a church in Dan's adopted American home of St Petersburg, Florida, overflowed for his poignant funeral service.

Dan's father Clive, who still lives in Emberton, clutched his champion son's helmet and fellow IndyCar drivers Tony Kanaan, Scott Dixon and Dario Franchitti carried his coffin.

Dan was also remembered at sporting events in the city over the weekend.

A minute's applause was held prior to the League One clash between Dons and Scunthorpe at stadiummk on Saturday – the Wheldon family are sponsors of the club.

MK Lightning also held a minute's silence on Sunday night before their home game with Basingstoke Bison.

Dan is survived by his wife Susie and children, two-year-old Sebastian and seven-month old Oliver. Susie said: "I know that Dan would have wanted the community to share in the celebration of his life and to grieve his passing."

A trust fund for Dan's family has been set up. Donations can be sent to Fifth Third Private Bank, attention Dan Wheldon Family Trust, 251 North Illinois St., Suite 1000, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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Charity founder's self-help manual

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE founder of a city charity has written a book designed to give people guidance and direction - and it's available for free.

Inspirational Charlie Wardle founded Climb Your Mountain in 2008 after he discovered exercise and physical challenges, such as running the Las Vegas and Toronto marathons, helped him overcome a stressful and difficult period in his life.

Established to support people with their own personal mountains by giving them the opportunity to meet others and take part in exercise and physical challenges, Climb Your Mountain is growing from strength-to-strength.

Now Charlie has written and published his first book, titled How to Deal with Life's Challenges, which is a practical self-help guide to tackling stress and depression in a modern world.

He said: "The handy-sized book has been designed as an easy-to-digest reference for people to turn to in their time of need.

Inspirational: Charlie has written his first book

"I have put many years of experience and research into what I have experienced, observed and sought in my way of understanding the importance of helping people dealing with life's challenges."

The book is free for anyone to own, which Charlie says he has made possible to help people struggling with challenges such as relationship issues, bullying, financial problems, ill-health, low self-esteem and work issues. The book also briefly touches on his own personal experiences of depression which he used physical activities and challenges to overcome.

How to Deal with Life's Challenges is available at www.climbyourmountain.org, and a hard copy is free from YPD Books, which is also available through the Climb Your Mountain website.

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Young unemployed to retrace Jarrow route

THREE quarters of a century may have passed but a crusade of days gone by is being re-enacted by youngsters this week.

Today is the 75th anniversary of the Jarrow Crusade for jobs when marchers passed through what is now Milton Keynes on their way from the north-eastern town of Jarrow to London.

To commemorate the anniversary, a group of unemployed youngsters are re-enacting the whole march, which took the participants through Lavendon to the north of our borough.

They will visit Milton Keynes on Sunday when they stop at Wolverton to meet supporters.

The original group of 200 men wanted Parliament, and the people in the south, to understand that they were living in a region where there were many difficulties and widespread unemployment.

Taking up their predecessors' theme, the youngsters – part of campaigning organisation Youth Fight for Jobs - are now calling on the Government to act to tackle rising youth unemployment.

Ben Robinson, one of the organisers of the current march, said: "It's going fantastically, we have been overwhelmed by the support we have received.

"This is such an important issue for young people who are affected by something they have had no control over with tuition fees escalating and unemployment being so bad."

Andrew Pakes, Labour & Co-operative Parliamentary Spokesperson for Milton Keynes, added: "The anniversary is an important part of our local history as well as the story of ordinary people standing up for their rights."

He added: "There are now more than 2.5 million unemployed people across the country, which is a poignant reminder of the Jarrow marchers' original plea for help.

"There are 1,700 youngsters signing on in Milton Keynes, 240 more than this time last year.

"The Government is in danger of writing off the next generation.

"As well as remembering the past, we need a plan for jobs for today."

For more information on Youth Fight for Jobs, visit: www.youthfightforjobs.com.

Prep school certainly couldn't do any better

PUPILS at a city school are full of smiles after the results of a report by the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Milton Keynes Preparatory School has received terrific results in its six-yearly inspection.

The Bletchley school was marked as 'excellent' and 'outstanding' throughout the report.

Headmistress Hilary Pauley said: "This is a massive achievement for

the school. The ISI very rarely grades an establishment so consistently high across the board, and both the children and staff should share the credit for this outstanding result."

ISI judging falls across ten categories, covering all aspects of school life for years 1 to 5 and Milton Keynes Preparatory School scored 'excellent' in each.

Early Years (0 to 5 years) was judged in separate categories, in which the School was marked as 'outstanding' across the board.

The report goes on to state: "Pupils at Milton Keynes Preparatory School are highly successful in their learning and personal development."

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BY JUDY RILEY
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Acting crazy is sure-fire winner

WHEN it comes to winning Oscars, BAFTAS and Olivier Awards, it helps to play the part of a crazy person.

David Haig *(right)* stands a very good chance of walking away with the odd gong or two when The Madness of George lll, by England's own 'National Treasure' Alan Bennett, transfers to the Apollo Theatre in London's West End next January.

But not just because depicting mental illness on stage is a sure-fire route to a standing ovation. He is now, quite simply, one of the finest actors of his generation.

But it didn't all start quite so illustriously.

"I first knew that I wanted to be an actor," said David, "watching Brian Rix in the farce, Chase Me Comrade, at the Whitehall Theatre in London. I was about nine years old."

A couple of years later and he'd moved on to appearing on stage himself – at Rugby School.

"I was pathologically lazy at school. I didn't put any effort in to any kind of work – except acting, which I loved. When I was 12, I was in a school production of Sheridan's The Critic, playing Mr Puff, a ridiculously pompous 18th century PR man and spin doctor who has written a terrible play about the Spanish Armada. A teacher who loathed me pronounced me 'vastly well-cast'."

Not long after, David was thrown out of Rugby for bad behaviour. Not that flunking out of one of the grander independent schools did him any harm.

Relatively early on in his stage career he won an Olivier Award for Our Country's Good at the Royal Court Theatre and since then he has appeared in films such as Four Weddings and a Funeral and Two Weeks' Notice, while on TV he has starred in series such as The Thin Blue Line and The Thick of It.

But it is his stage work that gives him the most pleasure now. "It's the challenge of doing a long run in the theatre. It's about staying fresh, maintaining that illusion of spontaneity. I loathe the interminable waiting that goes on between doing scenes on TV or film."

And how does he prepare for a role and specifically for playing the part of Mad King George?

"I learn my lines in advance of the start of rehearsals," he said. "Not to be flash or smug in front of young actors but to avoid 'meeting the void' as I call it. I don't research the character that much.

"The truth is in the script, not the historical accuracy. It's now believed that George lll was suffering from porphyria, a disease that has both physical and mental symptoms which is convenient for an actor because it manifests itself in every sort of madness known to man.

"So to play him, I have relied entirely on the words of Alan Bennett and on the assumption that, in his head at least, everything is entirely logical."

And logically speaking, David Haig's performance in The Madness of George lll, will be featuring in all the big award ceremonies next spring.

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Gary's plan to aid youngsters

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A FATHER-OF-THREE is the driving force behind an event designed to assist the city's young people become the best they can be.

Gary Payne ***(right)***, 40, hopes schools, local groups, families and friends will come together at the Jurys Inn on Midsummer Boulevard, CMK, on November 14.

Free workshops such as acting, dancing and singing will be available for youngsters to take part in but there will also be 'life skills development' which will include activities specially designed to help children with things like personal safety and confidence.

Mr Payne, from Kingston, believes that life skills initiatives like these should be more widely adopted to help tackle problems such as bullying and anti-social behaviour.

He said: "It's about educating young people between five and 11 in practical and realistic personal safety and communications skills.

"It gives young people the skills to combat potentially dangerous situations and combat bullying scenarios. Hopefully we can get 500 young people and their families in one location, to provide proof to local people that there are some fantastic facilities for youngsters to get involved in, whether that's sport, dance or music.

"We're going to create a voice. A very clear message to local and central government that we have the answers."

Mr Payne, whose three children are aged 20, 17 and 14, also hopes to raise money for Children In Need at the event, which takes place between 4pm and 6pm. Local companies are invited to donate items for the cause.

For more information he can be contacted on 07725 481769.

Lessons to be learned in Black History Month

YOUNG people are being encouraged to learn about cultural similarities and differences as part of Black History Month.

Events this year include a showcase evening at Stantonbury Campus Theatre bringing together more than 250 performers.

The showcase will be held on Friday between 6-8pm and is the result of workshops in dance, music, drama and sports taking place around Milton Keynes throughout the summer.

Guy-Ruffin Yoroboua, Youth Worker at Milton Keynes Council, said: "It is important that young people get the chance to learn about other cultures so they can be more tolerant of them.

"We'd like to encourage all young people in Milton Keynes, whatever their background or culture, to get involved in this year's celebrations and benefit from the personal development opportunities and learning opportunities that the activities offer."

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If we stopped throwing this good food away it would save the equivalent of at least 20 million tonnes of carbon dioxide - that's the environmental equivalent of taking 1 in every 4 cars off our roads.

But it's easy for us all to make to make a difference. Love Food Hate Waste, in partnership with Milton Keynes Council, offers some simple solutions to help us reduce the amount of food we throw away:

- Make the most of your fruit and vegetables. Apples last even longer when you keep them in the fridge – and if they're bruised put them in a crumble, a sauce or make a smoothie.
- You can freeze bread and toast it straight from the freezer or alternatively use it for puddings, stuffings and even to thicken sauces.
- Planning is everything. Think ahead - look in the fridge, freezer and cupboard, make a simple list so you only buy what you need and make the most of what you have.
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Find out more about how we can all help to save our environment - and money too - by visiting www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.

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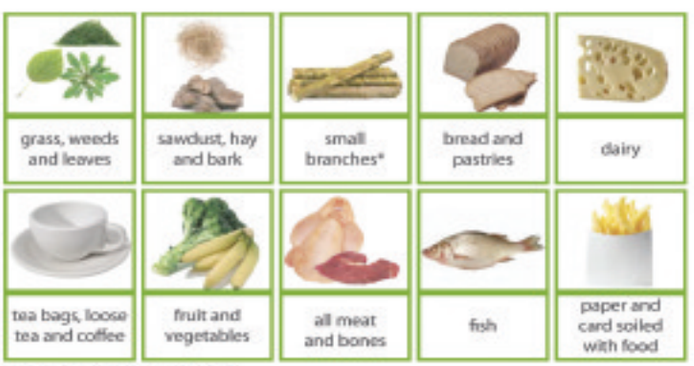

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Church gets facelift after sale of chapel

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A COMMUNITY'S church has had a major revamp – thanks to the sale of another one in the same village.

A large congregation last week gathered in the ecumenical church of St Mary's in Wavendon for a service of thanksgiving and a rededication to mark completion of the works, which cost around £150,000.

The works, which include a new toilet and servery as well as a reorganisation of the space to create an area for extra activities, were made possible mostly because of the sale of the nearby Methodist chapel in Phoebe Lane.

The remaining balance for the works was paid for by a private charitable trust.

Leslie Abbotts, a member of the St Mary's, said: "Under the ecumenical arrangements, all the churches come together.

"The arrangement here was, if we compensated for the loss of the chapel, half of the money raised would come to St Mary's.

"The chapel had a very small membership for several years, and I think one or two of the key families moved away from the area. We continued to use the chapel premises, but really there was no membership to continue with it as a chapel.

"I'm very pleased with the work, the standard has been very good."

Reverend at the church, David Lunn, said the work now means disabled access is easier, and it is now possible to hold other activities there.

He added: "It looks very good in the church. Members especially appreciate the entrance now, because we have some people with accessibility difficulties."

Rev David Lunn and Leslie Abbotts outside St Mary's Church in Wavendon next to the raised pathway for disabled access

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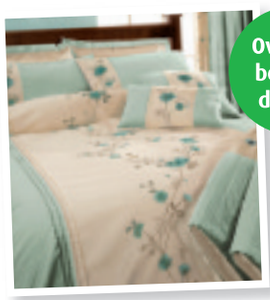
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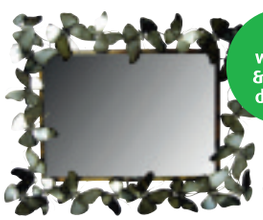
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Edward's hooked on solar power...

BY GEORGINA BUTLER
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RISING energy bills are a concern for most families so one city householder is speaking out this week about his decision to 'go solar' to save money.

Edward Sheldrick, from Lavendon, is a recent convert to solar power and wanted to share his experience to mark Energy Saving Week.

He said: "Although you may never have direct sunshine, you still get plenty of power generated.

"Even in the winter, you just have to know how to use it – so no using your washing machine in the middle of the night!"

Edward made the decision to go solar simply to save money.

He added: "My wife, Ellen, was concerned about the environment but I was most interested in saving money. Of course, the environment will benefit, too."

He had solar panels installed just over two months ago.

He explained: "A company focused on customer service, Engensa, fitted our solar panels for us, for free. In the short time the panels have been up and running, they have generated an estimated 528kw."

Switched on: Edward Sheldrick with his rooftop solar panels

Edward recommends solar power and admits that while the panels are not necessarily attractive to look at, they serve their purpose.

"The one downside is they are cosmetically not ideal but we need renewable power and they are of less concern than wind turbines.

"After all, how often do I really look at my roof?"

Energy Saving Week is focused on helping consumers take control by becoming more energy efficient and opting for renewable energy.

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Soldier hero is home from war

BY GEORGINA BUTLER
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A SOLDIER is bringing his campaign medal home after returning from a demanding six month tour in Afghanistan.

Signaller Curtis Tompkins *(right)*, 19, deployed with 207 Signals Squadron between March and October.

He provided vital communications support across Helmand Province as part of the NATO led mission to prepare the Afghans to fully take over the security of their own country.

The former Leon School student, who joined the Army in 2008 as a Communications Systems Operator, received his medal at a special ceremony at his barracks in Bergen Hohne in Northern Germany.

He said: "I went out as a rear link detachment attached to 42 Commando maintaining the Operations room.

"I also manned the Sanger watch towers in the camp, looking out for any suspicious activity or sign of the enemy.

"It was a bit nerve-wracking at first as I didn't really know what to expect, but it was all right in the end and there weren't any major incidents. The main problem was the heat which would sometimes reach the mid fifties."

MK Dons fan Curtis – whose parents Gary and Steph still live in Milton Keynes – was one of 39 members of the squadron to deploy to Afghanistan.

Curtis added: "I am pleased to get my medal, especially at such a young age.

"I am very proud to have done my first tour so early and will be taking my medal back home to show my family in Milton Keynes."

The parade in Germany was watched by the families and was attended by Hohne Garrison Deputy Commander (Late Royal Signals) Colonel Paul Eaton, who presented the soldiers with their medals.

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But why? Halloween is a holiday that's celebrated annually on the night of October 31. It originated in Ireland, and is said to be among the world's oldest holidays, the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain (celebration of the end of the harvest season in Gaelic culture). Traditionally, the festival was a time that was used by the ancient pagans to take stock of their supplies and slaughter livestock for winter storage. The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31, the boundary between the living and the dead dissolved, and the dead become dangerous for the living by causing problems such as sickness (plague) or damaged crops. The celebration of Samhain would frequently involve bonfires, upon which the bones of slaughtered livestock were thrown; costumes and masks were also worn in an attempt to mimic the evil spirits or placate them.

Nowadays, the celebration revolves around parties, trick or treating & generally enjoying yourself whilst scaring others! Here are a few places in MK that can help you celebrate Halloween in style!

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MK BUSINESS

A Centre stage for Mystic Circle

THE opening of a new niche shop will appeal to practitioners of Wiccan and Pagan rituals in Milton Keynes.

Tony Stacey was once a chef but after a period of ill health and bout of depression, he decided to pursue his interest in all things supernatural.

He said: "There are lots of people interested in Wiccan and Pagan rituals in Milton Keynes so there is definitely a market for a shop like this."

After considering a market stall, Tony decided to open a store - called Mystic Circle - in the Agora Centre in Bletchley.

The specialist shop opened last Saturday and has already had lots of visitors.

Tony said: "Mystic Circle means 'me, you and us'.

"The shop sells scents, oils, herbs, candles, birthstones and more.

"Everything is all natural and they are genuine witchcraft oils.

"Everyone seems to like what I am doing, it is a niche area but I am getting much encouragement."

New venture: Tony Stacey in his Mystic Circle outlet in the Agora Centre

New agency just for those seeking a bit of flexibility

BY ADAM GRINSELL
adam.grinsell@mk-news.co.uk

A RECRUITMENT agency specialising in those looking for part-time flexible work has now opened in the city.

Ten2Two has launched specifically for those who are looking for flexibility, such as mothers looking to get back in to work.

Over the next few months, the company, which launched at a special event at Milton Keynes Gallery last month, now plans to build a community of people seeking professional work.

Director Lisa Bamall said: "We will be able to prove to businesses that there are fabulous people living just around the corner who would love to work for them and our launch event has been a great start.

"This is about finding work for professional and skilled people, and tends to fit those people who are parents, with career backgrounds who can't necessarily work nine to five.

"Professional mums might be sitting around, who don't get their details on the CV libraries because they are waiting for the right jobs to come along.

"So far it's been a huge success, and here in Milton Keynes there's a lot of people that would look at that kind of work."

Ten2Two will work with people and businesses in Milton Keynes, including Bletchley, Buckingham and Newport Pagnell and will also support businesses and part-time professionals in Bedford.

Founder of the franchise, John O'Sullivan, said the launch event last month, which around 40 people attended, proved there's a good opportunity for local businesses.

He said: "We were really excited about the sheer quality of people in the room.

"It's amazing to realise that a group of local mums, some of whom we see in the playground every day, are actually talented professionals.

"Their skills are just being wasted because businesses don't know where to find them."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Next stage for larger store

THE go-ahead has been given to an extension of the Next store in thecentre:mk. There will be a two-storey extension of the centre at Silbury Arcade/Field Walk, to create additional floorspace for Next, as well as three new retail kiosks. The development will provide an extended shop floor sales area and extra storage.

Secret braces now in MK

AN 'INVISIBLE lingual braces system' is now being offered for the first time in the city. The Incognito braces, now being offered by Sunil Hirani, founder of the SmileLux orthodontic centre in Knowlhill, are available to those who want to keep their braces a secret.

MD samples kids' veggies

JAMES Frost, managing director at Frosts Garden Centre, visited Asquith Nursery in Woburn Sands last week to complete the process of a Grow Your Own activity by eating the produce grown. Children at Asquith harvested the vegetables planted by Frosts staff and the nursery's chef cooked a healthy meal of pasta with vegetables, using the ingredients planted.

Movember launch event

MARSHALL Amplification is an official Movember partner for the second year running, and is helping to kick off the moustache initiative, which raises awareness of men's health issues, by hosting the Milton Keynes launch event at its theatre in Bletchley on Saturday. Tickets are £5, with all proceeds going to Movember, and are available direct from Marshall.

New MD for WorkSmart

WORKSMART, supplier of training and competence software based in Linford Wood, has announced the appointment of Colin Fox as managing director. With more than 20 years experience working with technology solutions providers in the financial services sector, Fox hopes to drive the company's growth market positioning forward.

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SIMON DARNELL

LIGHTHOUSE

Westlife

MANY songs have died at the hands of this band over the years but finally the time has come and they're calling it a day.

I honestly thought they were going to grow old together, singing the same bland, featureless melodies they've sung for the past 12 years, but if this is to be their final single then what a way to go out.

Thundering guitars, a dance beat so powerful it could pummel a charging rhino into submission, lyrics that actually relate to the real world, all these things and more are completely missing once again.

Instead, it's business as usual, but would you expect anything different?

If you've heard one Westlife single, to be honest, you've almost heard them all - ballads have served them well up to this point, so why change the formula?

That's why I believe it's a good thing that Westlife are going, I never got the feeling that they ever wanted to move out of their comfort zone and try a different sound.

For a band with such an unadventurous back catalogue as theirs, a 12 year career isn't just impressive, it's actually a miracle.

GOTTA BE YOU

One Direction

OH HOORAY, another factory-processed 'listen girl, this is what you mean to me' pop anthem.

Who calls their other half 'girl' in real life anyway?

Probably best to forget about this one and move on.

NOTHING'S REAL BUT LOVE

Rebecca Ferguson

WELL, that song title's put gravity, evolution and my overdraft in their place.

She's got a heck of a voice, I'll give her that, but the song doesn't grab me at all.

Midtempo soul with guitars, pianos and other such wonders abound but, and I really can't quite put my finger on why this is, it's got an early 70s Rod Stewart feel to it.

It's not rubbish or anything, it's just one of those songs that I don't like, but plenty of other people will and actually, when I put it like that I suppose that statement could apply to every single song I've ever reviewed.

Well done me, I've demolished my own reasoning. Oh well, hopefully you know what I'm getting at even if I don't!

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Matt Schofield

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POET TREE ALLIANCE

Friday, 7.30pm

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The four acts performing music and poetry throughout the evening are Dan Stock, a passionate young singer/songwriter and youtube sensation making his debut on the Craufurd stage.

Freddy Armstrong, 2ft High's frontman, will be playing a solo acoustic set of new songs.

Ben Platt will be stepping out from behind the scenes promoting Properstock to play some songs he's been writing over the last year or so.

Aaron Alderman, who has now gone solo and is writing some awesome songs, completes the night's line-up.

The collective will also have their latest poetry fanzine/magazine available on the night, plus music and more from other artists/poets and performers.

For more details visit www.poet-tree-alliance.co.uk, submissions@poet-tree-alliance.co.uk, or www.warehouseproductions.co.uk

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"We've got a cast of 24 and the action takes in several royal palaces, Windsor Castle and St Paul's Cathedral.

"It's rare to work on a text that's wildly funny and heartbreaking all at once and I'm fortunate to have a leading man, David Haig, who is one of our most versatile and skilful actors. He's going to be amazing in the title role."

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STANTONBURY THEATRE

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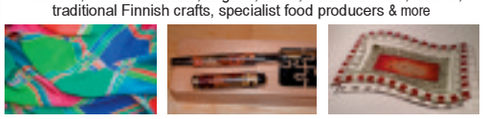

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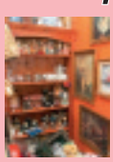

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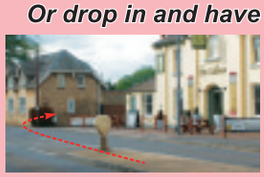

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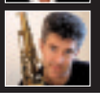

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We have teamed up with Caldecotte Lake Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic in Simpson to offer three lucky readers Hot Pack Palm Massagers, complete with personal instruction on how to use them.

Caldecotte Lake Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic opened its doors just a few weeks ago and already is building a reputation for fantastic treatment.

Clinic founder Jonathan Grendelmeier (doctor of chiropractic) has spent the last ten years working on orthopaedic and sports injuries listing internationally famous athletes among his clients.

Jonathan also has post graduate qualifications in acupuncture and offers a friendly service that makes patients feel at ease and and is at a price that is easy on the pocket.

With further qualifications in craniosacral therapy, which can be effective in pregnancy and in treatments of babies and infants, Caldecotte Lake Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic offers treatments for the whole family.

The clinic can be found at Warren Bank House, Warren Bank, Simpson, MK6 3AQ. It is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am-7pm and 8am-5pm on Saturday.

The clinic can be contacted on 01908 690544 or 506955, 07986 131314 or at www.caldecottelakechiropracticandacupunctureclinic.co.uk

To be in with a chance of winning one of these fantastic prizes just answer this simple question.

Where about in Milton Keynes can you find the Caldecotte Lake Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic?

Send your entry, along with your name, address and contact details, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU. Closing date for entries is Wednesday, November 2.

The editor's decision is final. Winners will be notified.

TASTE LIFE

RAJ DOUTH

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IT'S not the easiest place to find.

Nestled in a small local centre in Emerson Valley, I drove past Raj Douth several times before eventually finding my way there.

So it was a pleasant surprise that, even on a Thursday night, we found the restaurant to be very busy, with people turning up throughout the evening.

Although most retailers will preach location, location, location, obviously that's not the case here – Raj Douth clearly does well on reputation alone.

And it's easy to see why – the food and the staff.

Even before you are seated you are greeted by very friendly waiters, who are attentive and make sure your glass is topped up.

At the table the manager for the night, Sonny, chatted to us and made sure we had a very pleasant visit.

But, and not to take anything away from Sonny or any of the other guys there, the food was really the star of the show.

The highlight of the night was my partner's king prawn saag. I would recommend you are a prawn and spinach lover before trying this dish, as both are clearly in plentiful supply in Emerson Valley, but if you are it's a real treat.

And it's not only these two ingredients that are fully stocked in Raj Douth's larder.

The chefs are certainly not shy when it comes to loading the plate. Unfortunately I couldn't finish my Karahi chicken, for which I chose an accompaniment of mushroom fried rice, as much as I would have loved to have polished off every last morsel.

Adam Grinsell

STOWE LANDSCAPE GARDENS

YOUNG witches and wizards are invited to have some Hallowe'en fun at the National Trust's Stowe Landscape Gardens on Sunday.

You will be able to follow a scary trail that takes you into the seriously spooky Gothic Temple, which sits on a hill looking out over the gardens for witches and ghouls.

Youngsters are encouraged to come in fancy dress to win a prize.

Other ghoulish goings-on throughout the day include bone-chilling story telling.

All Hallowe'en activities are free to enjoy, normal entry charges apply. Activities will take place between 11am and 3pm.

You can also book to climb up the tallest monument in the gardens, Cobham's Monument. With 140 steps it is not for the faint hearted, but has beautiful views from the top.

Due to the narrow steps, climbing the monument is on a timed schedule, phone 01280 822850 to book your free time slot.

For more details visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowegardens

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

PUSHCHAIRS in the Park. Join the Parks Trust for outdoor adventures at Tree Cathedral. Mud pies, rustic crafts and woodland investigation. Pushchairs optional, wellies essential. Meet in the car park, Livingstone Drive, V10 Brickhill Street, 10-11.30am, free. For more information visit www.theparkstrust.com

STORYTELLING exhibition by Discover Milton Keynes at the Central Library. Workshops by A Word in Edgeways for children age eight-plus. Sessions run from 1-2.45pm and 3.15-5pm. Tickets are £2, for more information contact 01908 254050. Also Thursday and Friday.

WONDERFUL Wetlands, North Bucks RSPB. An illustrated talk by group leader, Chris Ward at Leighton Buzzard Football, Cricket and Tennis Club. Admission charges £3.50, members £2.50, doors open at 7.30pm. For more information visit www.rspb.org.uk/groups/northbucks

MK FAIR and Firework Spectacular. Starts in Campbell Park and runs until November 6 with reduced prices on Sunday, Wednesday, November 2 and Sunday, November 6. Firework spectacular on Saturday, November 5. For more information, visit www.keithemmett.com

FRIDAY

POE-TEA. Elizabeth Darcy Jones, Britain's tea poet, serves an uplifting brew of lively verse and anecdotes about tea at Tea Monkey, Midsummer Place, to celebrate her book, Distinguished Leaves: Poems for Tea Lovers. Starts 11am, for more details visit www.tea-monkey.com

SPOOKY Hallowe'en walks with the Parks Trust. Enjoy a spine-chilling stroll in Campbell Park. From 6-9pm (timed bookings) £4/child. Booking is required. For more details visit www.theparkstrust.com, or call 01908 255379.

RICHARD Lambert Memorial Lecture. The Science and Beauty of Nebulae presented by Dr Carolin Crawford organised by the Milton Keynes Astronomical Society at Rectory Cottages, Church Green Road, Bletchley, 8pm, free.

SATURDAY

CALLING all Indiana Jones fans. Get a hands on experience of a real archaeologist life. Activities for children and adults focusing on eras from the prehistoric to medieval Britain and beyond. Cowper and Newton Museum, Olney, 10.30am-4.30pm. Admission is adults £4, five-16 £1, under fives free.

ART, Craft and Design Show at Towcester Racecourse Conference Centre. Designers displaying their stunning original work ranging from ceramics to jewellery, leather work to photography, textiles to glass.
More details at www.romorexhibitions.co.uk. Also on Sunday.

DIWALI Bollywood Night. Celebrate Diwali in style at Harben House, Tickford St, Newport Pagnell, while raising money for the Children's Variety Club. Tickets £20 per person with a £5 donation to charity. To book call 01908 215615.

ZOMBIE Pub Crawl. More than 500 people lumbered around Stony Stratford last year, raising money for charity, the organisers are hoping for 800 plus at the event.
Starts at 6pm at the Plough and heads down the High Street to the Fox and Hounds for a late drink at the end of the night. Check them on out on Facebook.

MONSTER Mash with MK Circle at The Crown, Stony Stratford. The only Hallowe'en party to be seen at this year. Raising money for MK Hospital's Little Lives Appeal and Willen Hospice. Fancy dress optional. Starts 8pm, tickets £10, book via MK Circle on facebook or email mkcircle@hotmail.co.uk.

SUNDAY

WOUGHTON Leisure Centre. Enjoy a pint and some live music in the theatre. This week's Hallowe'en special with live rockabilly band, UXB. Starts at 1pm, free entry, families welcome.

VAGABOND cinema showing A Clockwork Orange to celebrate its 40th anniversary of the Stanley Kubrick classic at The City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey. Full bar, 7.30pm. Tickets from Boutique 73, Wolverton, or MK City Discovery Centre on 01908 227229, or visit ursywhite@hotmail.co.uk.

MONDAY

PUB Quiz, The Barge Inn, Woolstones. Join the friendly pub quiz and help raise money for Willen Hospice. Costs £1 per person, starts 8.45pm.

TUESDAY

CURRY Club, Naidni Restaurant, Stony Stratford. Enjoy a delicious set meal and a jolly quiz while raising money for Rett Syndrome Association and Willen Hospice. Costs £15 per person. More details at curryclub.awardspace.com. Advance booking essential - email StonyCurryClub@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY

FIREWORK display, Bow Brickhill Primary School, Bow Brickhill. Gates open 5.30pm, display 6.30pm. Tickets are adults £4, children £1.50.

OPEN Film Society, White Material. Set in modern day Africa during a bloody civil war. Maria (Isabelle Huppert), who runs her family coffee plantation, is caught up in the violent turmoil. Old Lecture Theatre, Walton Hall. Showing at 6.15 and 8.45pm. More details at www.openfilmsociety.co.uk.

HEART FM COLUMN

BREAKFAST show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning on Heart FM and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

You can't fail to have noticed the live X Factor shows on TV and, while Simon Cowell may not be happy with how the show is rating at the moment, the new judges seem to have settled in well.

Our favourite has to be Kelly Rowland, who told us she listened to Heart for inspiration when thinking about her song choices.

She also told us what she does to keep in shape.

"I do 200 sit-ups maybe every other night. I did it the night before. I couldn't do it last night, I was way too tired. I probably won't do it tonight because I'm tired, but I will do it tomorrow night," she said.

"I do try to work out at least three to four times a week.

"I'm going to start working out with my contestants and I'm really excited. We'll be jogging and running together and singing and that's fun.

"That's bonding time, that's time that I get to know them and really get into talking to them and developing a bond."

Last year's winner Matt Cardle, whose album is now out, also talked to us about the new X Factor judges.

"I think Kelly is incredible," he said.

"I think Gary is doing a great job but Simon has got the best 'err' in the business. When he goes 'err' everyone takes a breath in and thinks, 'What's he's going to say?'. I used to freak out every time.

"I think there's a little bit of that missing, but Gary is doing a great job and Tulisa is fitting in really well. Louis is just doing his thing, which he will do until the end of time."

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday from 6-10am on Heart 103.3FM.

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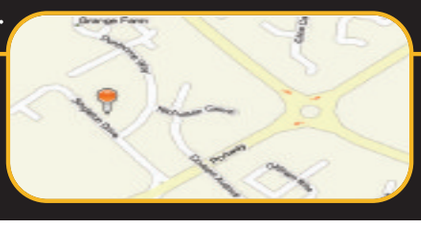

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Emerson Valley

THIS property comes with 'the garden of the year' attached.

Situated in Wenning Lane, in the ever popular Emerson Valley development, this executive family home is positioned in a pleasant location and overlooks mature trees and an open green area.

The garden is very unusual for a property of this age, being firstly very private and also mature.

The rear garden has been divided into 'rooms' each with their own seating area giving a different perspective of the garden.

This delightful family home offers so much that only a viewing will let you feel its true nature.

The accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge with feature fireplace, dining room, conservatory, study/bedroom five, en-suite, family bathroom, four further bedrooms, downstairs cloakroom, double garage and off-road parking. The property also has planning permission to extend and develop it further.

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£380,000

- Delightful Family Home
- 'The Garden of the Year'
- Overlooking Greenery
- Four Bedrooms
- Utility, Cloakroom & Study
- Double Garage

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- Four Bedrooms

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O.I.E.O. £750,000

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- Very High Specification
- Four Reception Rooms
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- Private Driveway and Double Garage

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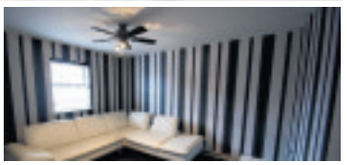

Oxley Park

A five bedroom detached property with versatile and spacious accommodation and a double garage in the popular area of Oxley Park.

£435,000

- Five Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Popular Area
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room
- Two En Suites
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A unique split level four bedroom detached property on a large plot in the sought after location of Shenley Church End. The property offers flexible accomodation with balconies to the front and rear.

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- Large Plot in Sought After Location
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- Secluded Rear Garden

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- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

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Netherfield £100,000

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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Garden

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Shenley Lodge OIEO £350,000

- Four bedroom detached
- Three reception rooms
- En suite to master bedrooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room and utility
- Garage
- Off road parking

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Wavendon Gate £31,500

- SHARED OWNERSHIP
- Top floor maisonette
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom

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Downs Barn OIEO £130,000

- Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living Area
- Refitted Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
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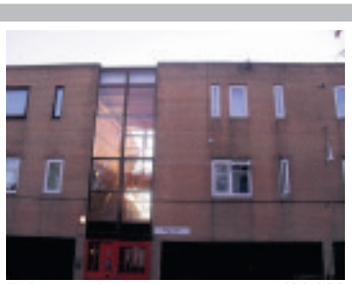

Fishermead £80,000

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- One Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Dressing Area
- Garage

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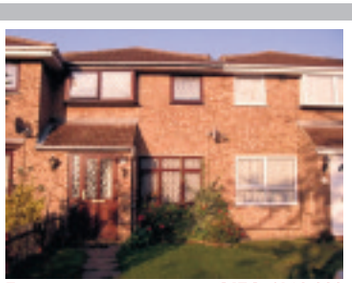

Furzton OIEO £160,000

- Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

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Coffee Hall £130,000

- Mid Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen and Lounge
- Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Front and Rear Garden

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Central MK £200,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ensuite
- Bathroom
- Secure Underground Parking

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Shenley Brook End £290,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Cloakroom
- Master Ensuite
- Gardens and Garage
- Various Reception Rooms

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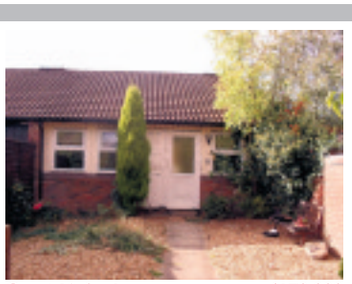

Great Linford £170,000

- Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

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Kents Hill OIEO £140,000

- Two bed semi-detached
- South East of Kents Hill
- No upper chain
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- Garden

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Milton Keynes £150,000

- One Bedroom
- First Floor Landing
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Willen Park £152,500

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Caldecotte £295,000

- Four Bed Detached
- Dining Room
- Master Ensuite
- Double Garage
- Front & Rear Garden
- Study

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- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

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- Three Bedrooms End of Terrace
- Heelands Area
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- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Detached chalet style property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Front and rear gardens

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Caldecotte OIEO £230,000

- Detached property
- Lounge
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- Kitchen/diner
- Gardens
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- Three Bedrooms
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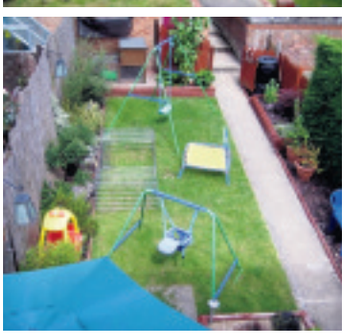

Eaglestone OIEO £140,000

- Three bedroom home
- Much improved
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
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- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom

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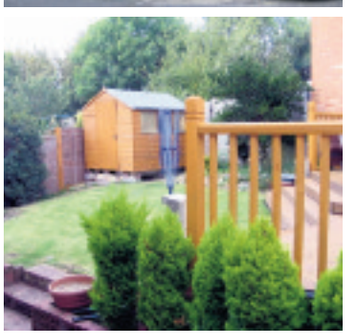

Bradwell £189,500

- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Garden

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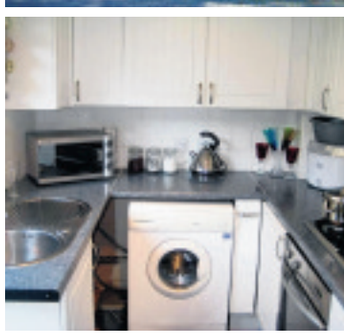

Stantonbury Fields OIEO £150,000

- Two Bedroom
- End Of Terrace
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Garage
- Gardens

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- Driveway
- Single Garage

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- Ensuite to Master
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
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- Gardens & Garage
- Off Road Parking

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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility room/ Study
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway
- Front and rear Gardens

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Milton Keynes Village **£300,000**
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- Large Wrap Around Garden
- Gated Driveway
- Re-fitted 'John Lewis' Kitchen
- Dual Aspect Lounge
- Two Outbuildings

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Woburn Sands **OIEO £230,000**
- Victorian Terraced Property
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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Large rear Garden
- No Upper Chain

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Emerson Valley **OIRO £220,000**
- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Detached Home
- Sought after Location
- Ensuite to Master
- Garage and Gardens

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Tattenhoe **£300,000**
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- Downstairs WC
- Kitchen/Breakfast
- Ensuite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Double Garage

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Broughton **OIEO £400,000**
- Five Bedroom Detached
- Popular Area
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Ensuites
- Double Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Broughton **£165,000**
- Two Bed Semi-detached
- Popular Residential Location
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Juliette Balcony
- Rear Garden

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Tattenhoe **£155,000**
- Two Bed Terraced
- Cul-de-sac Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Shenley Brook End **OIEO £235,000**
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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

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- Cul-de-sac Location
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

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- End Of Terrace Home
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain

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Deanshanger **OIEO £250,000**

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- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Home
- Study and Cloakroom
- En-suite to Master
- Garage and Gardens

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Wolverton **£180,000**

- Three Bed Property
- Double Glazing
- Dining Room
- Downstairs W.C.
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden

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Wolverton **OIEO £170,000**

- Three Bed Terraced
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite to Master
- Generous rear Garden
- Off road parking

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Deanshanger **£275,000**

- Amazing Extended
- Refurbished
- Four Bedroom
- Detached Home
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Garden and Parking

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Castlethorpe **Guide Price £170,000**

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- Village Location
- Off Road Parking
- Cul De Sac Location
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating

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Wolverton **£220,000**

- Three Bed Victorian Property
- Fully Re-furbished
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Utility
- Ensuite to Master
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom

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Stony Stratford **£188,000**

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- Victorian Style
- Terraced Home
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Garden and Garage

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Stony Stratford **£188,000**

- Two Bedroom
- Victorian Style
- Terraced Home
- Popular Location
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom

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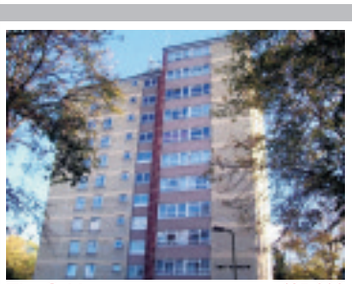

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- Front & Rear Gardens
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Deanshanger **£165,000**

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- Lounge and family room
- Gardens to front and rear

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- Lounge and Dining Room
- Kitchen and Utility
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Integral Garage

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- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Bathroom

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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
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- Spacious
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- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
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Irchester **O.I.E.O £110,000**

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- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge/diner
- Gardens to front, side and rear
- Single garage

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- Three Bedroom Property
- Sought After Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom
- Landscaped Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

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Newport Pagnell **£150,000**

- Two Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Sought After Area
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Sherington **Guide Price £425,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- En suite and Bathroom

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Lavendon **£190,000**

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

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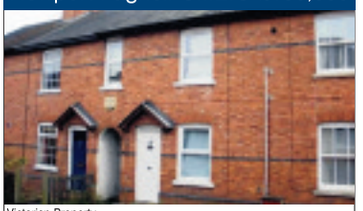

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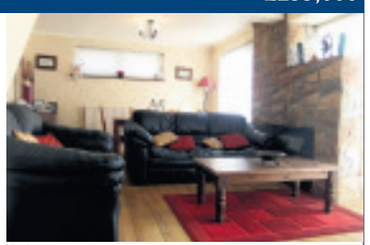

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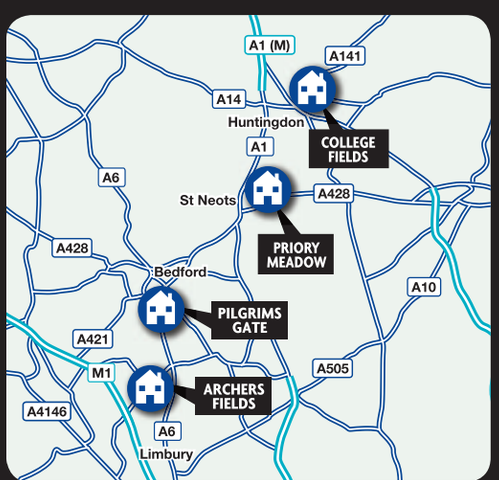

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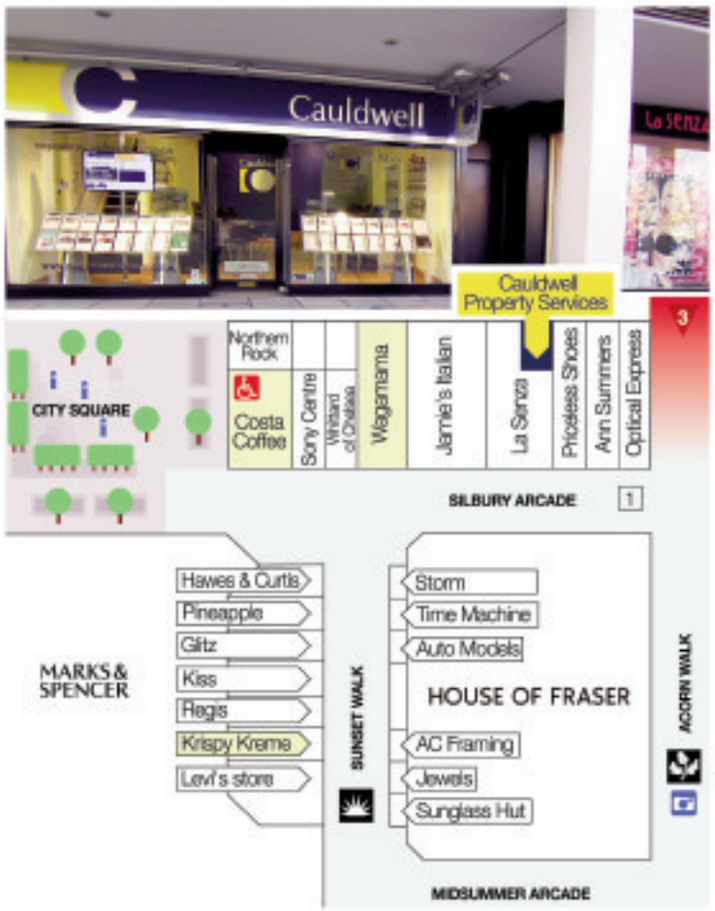

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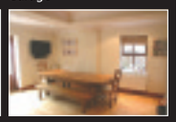

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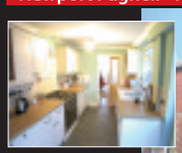

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As part of the successful promotion, over 16,000 sellers across the country took part in a national Open House Weekend event and opened their doors to prospective buyers on the 17th and 18th September.

Interested buyers were provided with passwords to use for viewings, with the unique opportunity to speak to the sellers about the property and local area.

Many buyers have clearly been taking advantage of the opportunity to view and compare properties easily. Many managed to find their ideal home, leading to offers from eager buyers which have resulted in successful sales.

During The Big September Move, 63,802 viewings took place around the UK, with nearly 10,000 offers made on properties following the campaign and just under 3,000 properties sold – highlighting the high demand from buyers across the country.

Tom Lawrence at Taylors Bletchley branch, comments:

"Our sellers were delighted with the extra exposure we have managed to gain for their properties during the campaign, whilst buyers showed some serious interest in a number of properties, with many placing offers on the homes taking part.

"As the leading agent in the Milton Keynes area we are always looking for strong and innovative ways to help local buyers and sellers and this latest campaign is just another example of the things we are doing to help people move. We are really pleased with the results of the Big September Move campaign and we are looking forward to hosting similar events in the future."

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Your CV

When you send your CV off to a potential employer, remember that you won't be the only one. Hundreds of other people could be applying for the job as well.

So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, date of birth, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and nationality. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

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Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References

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Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

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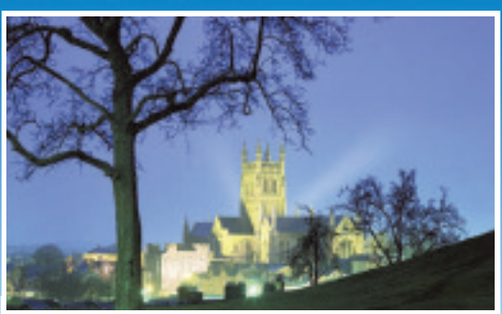

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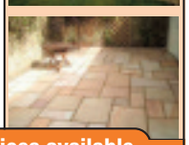

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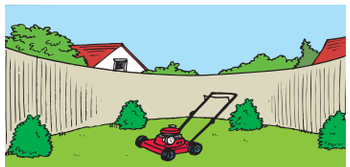

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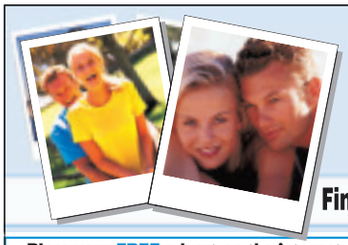

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73 OF PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Central Bedfordshire

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/02027/FULL **Affects Conservation Area**
PROPOSAL: Change of Use; to Part 1st floor (1 Dwelling) and 2nd floor (2 Dwellings) from B1 Office to C3 residential.
LOCATION: 26 - 28 Market Square, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1HE

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/03673/LB **Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area**
PROPOSAL: Repair of column between bays 1 & 2, additional repairs to stone vaults in bay 4, replacement of defective stone to mock fireplace, installation of high level boxing to fix rail and hang drapes to defective eastern wall for monitoring purposes and installation of temporary acro support to rear door lintel.
LOCATION: Priory House, 33 High Street South, Dunstable, LU6 3RZ

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/03057/LB **Affects Listed Building or its Setting**
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(VARIOUS WALKWAYS, GREENLEYS AND HODGE LEA) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, not less than 7 days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because of structural works to be carried out to lintel supports along 22 walkways in Greenleys and 2 walkways in Hodge Lea, Milton Keynes. It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect between 4 November 2011 and 31 March 2012. No two closures will be in effect at any one time within each Croft, and each closure will re-open as soon as possible following completion of the works.

The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit all access to and along walkways adjacent to the following numbered properties in the areas stated:-

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The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The proposed order will come into operation on 4 November 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director - Law & Governance 26 October 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, TWO MILE ASH) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 26th October 2011 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will come into effect on 27th October 2011 and will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects in parts of roads within Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes:-

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along parts of Clay Hill, High Street, and the High Street Car Park (between the northern accessway and southern accessway) westside;

The introduction of no waiting restrictions between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday along part of Clay Hill;

The introduction of no waiting restrictions between the hours of 8 am to 9 am and 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday along part of the High Street.

The introduction of a limited waiting restriction of 1 hour between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday and no return within 1 hour along part of the High Street and the High Street Car Park (between the northern and southern accessway) east side.

All classes of vehicles are affected by the proposed order. Exemptions include emergency services vehicles, military services vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons' badge holders and some others.

Copies of the Order together with maps showing the areas referred to along with the Council's statement of reasons for making the order may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act, or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director - Law & Governance 26 October 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CAWKWELL WAY (PART), BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along the footpath and road on that part of Cawkwell Way, Bletchley from its junction with Princes Way, Bletchley for a distance of approximately 15 metres in a westerly direction.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely construction works on a storm drain connection. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will come into effect on Monday 7th November 2011 until Monday 12th December 2011, inclusive.

The alternative route for traffic will be in a southerly direction along Cambridge Street into Westfield Road, then left onto Findlay Way, then left onto Lennox Road leading onto Princes Way and vice versa.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 7th November 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director - Law & Governance 26 October 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(SKELDON GATE, OVERGATE, MARLBOROUGH GATE, ENMORE GATE, KENWOOD GATE AND PARTS OF AVEBURY BOULEVARD, SILBURY BOULEVARD, V8 MARLBOROUGH STREET, MIDSUMMER BOULEVARD, H5 PORTWAY, V10 BRICKHILL STREET AND H6 CHILDS WAY, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2010

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the annual Central Milton Keynes firework display 2011 takes place, the temporary restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on the 28th October 2010, under Section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be extended beyond the dates previously notified.

TAKE NOTICE that the temporary restrictions will recommence during the hours stated below on Saturday 5th November 2011, whilst the Guy Fawkes, Central Milton Keynes fireworks display takes place. The Order affects all classes of vehicle and has the following effects:-

No vehicles shall be permitted to enter, proceed along or wait in Avebury Boulevard from Bankfield Roundabout to Glebe Roundabout between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm.

No vehicles shall be permitted to enter, proceed along or wait in the following roads between the hours of 6.00pm and 10.00pm:-

The whole of Skeldon Gate and Enmore Gate, Marlborough Gate from its junction with North Fourteenth Street to the entrance of Milton Keynes Theatre multi-storey car park. Overgate, southbound carriageway only, from its junction with H5 Portway at North Overgate Roundabout to its junction with H6 Childs Way at South Overgate Roundabout, except for access to the disabled parking facilities at the Campbell Park Pavillion.

Overgate will be open to northbound traffic from its junction with H6 Childs Way at South Overgate Roundabout.

Silbury Boulevard from its junction with North Thirteenth Street to its junction with Skeldon Roundabout and from its junction with Campbell Park Roundabout to its junction with Cricket Green Roundabout except for access for authorised vehicles and disabled parking at the Campbell Park Pavillion.

Midsummer Boulevard from its junction with Theatre Walk to its junction with Marlborough Gate.

Avebury Boulevard from its junction with Theatre Walk to its junction with Marlborough Gate.

The link road joining Marlborough Gate between Bankfield Roundabout and the Xscape Complex, except for access for Xscape maintenance vehicles.

No vehicles proceeding along H6 Childs Way shall be permitted to enter Kenwood Gate at its junction with Childs Way, between the hours of 6.00pm and 10.00pm, however, traffic will be allowed to egress from Kenwood Gate into Childs Way.

No vehicles shall be permitted to exceed 30 mph along H6 Childs Way from Woolstone Roundabout to Springfield Roundabout, along V10 Brickhill Street from Pagoda Roundabout to Woolstone Roundabout, along A509/H5 Portway from Belvedere Roundabout to Pagoda Roundabout and along the V8 Marlborough Street from Belvedere Roundabout to Springfield Roundabout, between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm.

No authorised vehicles shall be permitted to exceed 20 mph along Silbury Boulevard from Campbell Park Roundabout to Cricket Green Roundabout, along Overgate between North Overgate Roundabout and Cricket Green Roundabout and along Skeldon Gate between North Skeldon Roundabout and Skeldon Roundabout between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm.

Police officers may vary or extend the above restrictions and their times of operation should any unforeseen circumstance arise which might compromise the safety of the public.

Vehicular access to some residential properties in Campbell Park will be maintained between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00pm by the use of permits issued to eligible residents by Milton Keynes Council. Access to properties in Adelphi Street, Blairmont Street and Colgrain Street, Campbell Park will be via North Skeldon Roundabout and access to properties in Albion Place, Amelias Lane, Columbia Place, Dalgin Place, Henrietta Way, Leonora Walk, Enterprise Lane, Highbury Lane, Smithsons Place, Huntley Crescent, Mara Place and Glenstal Place, Campbell Park will be via South Enmore Roundabout. Access to properties in Eskan Court will be via Overgate only.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Diversion routes will be displayed where appropriate. There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties and vehicles being used in connection with the organising of the CMK firework display and Milton Keynes Council salt spreading vehicles.

The Order came into operation on Sunday 31st October 2010 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the likelihood of danger to the public has ceased.

Any person committing a breach of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director - Law & Governance 26 October 2011
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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
11/02227/FUL Attachment of triangular shade sail across internal corner formed by rear walls of property at 40 West Street, Olney.
11/02230/FUL Erection of a proposed two storey side extension at 149 High Street, Stony Stratford.
11/02232/TNOT Notification of installation of 1 BT DSLAM cabinet on pavement outside 38 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford.

SECTION 67 & 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA & AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
11/02243/FUL Conversion of existing garage into single residential dwelling at Mews Cottage, 75A High Street, Stony Stratford.
11/02244/LBC Listed building consent for the conversion of existing garage into single residential dwelling at Mews Cottage, 75A High Street, Stony Stratford.
11/02237/TPO Tree preservation order consent to reduce two over hanging branches by 1-1.5m of one Cedar tree (T4) at The Old Rectory, Olney Road, Emberton.
11/02268/TCA Notification of intention to fell a group of Laburnum trees (T1), to remove the stems of 4 Ash trees (T2) and to reduce one limb by 20% and remove all deadwood of one Silver Birch tree (T3) at The Old Rectory, Olney Road, Emberton.

SECTION 67 **LISTED BUILDING**
11/02209/FUL Erection of a wooden fence and gates to front and side of property (retrospective) at Walton Lodge Cottage, Milton Road, Walton Hall.
11/02210/LBC Listed building consent for the erection of a wooden fence and gates with trellising to front and side of property (retrospective) at Walton Lodge Cottage, Milton Road, Walton Hall.

SECTION 67 **AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
11/02238/TPO Tree preservation order consent to remove 19 Leyland Cypress and re-planting to be carried out around the grounds at Tyringham Hall, Filgrave To Gayhurst Road, Tyringham.

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director Planning, Economy and Development

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTPATH NUMBERS 71 AND 73, WOLVERTON (PARTS) ADJACENT TO RADCLIFFE SCHOOL, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, has, on the 26th October 2011, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along those lengths of Footpath Number 71 and 73, Wolverton that run adjacent to Radcliffe School, Wolverton from the junction with Stratford Road, Wolverton continuing in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 520 metres to the south west of Radcliffe School, Wolverton.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out, to enable a perimeter fence to be erected because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst a new footpath is constructed within the new housing development. It is anticipated the temporary closure will commence from Tuesday 1st November 2011 until 30th April 2012, inclusive.

The alternative route for access will be to continue along the existing footpath on Stratford Road, Wolverton to its junction with Great Monks Street, turn left onto the footpath on Great Monks Street and continue to its junction with Greenleys roundabout, then turn left and join the redway and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order due to safety reasons.

The Order will come into operation on Tuesday 1st November 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the likelihood of danger to the public has ceased, which ever is the sooner. If the danger to the public persists up to the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

26 October 2011

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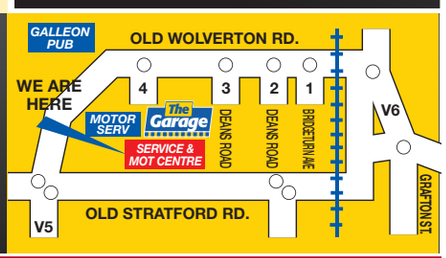

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AUG 6	HARTLEPOOL (H)	D 2-2
AUG 9	CHELTENHAM (A) CC1	W 4-1
AUG 13	EXETER (A)	W 2-0
AUG 16	YEOVIL (A)	W 1-0
AUG 20	CHESTERFIELD (H)	W 6-2
AUG 23	NORWICH (A) CC2	W 4-0
AUG 27	STEVENAGE (H)	W 1-0
AUG 30	BRENTFORD (H) JPT1	D 3-3
	(BRENTFORD WON 4-3 ON PENS)	
SEP 3	CARLISLE (A)	W 3-1
SEP 10	SHEFF WED (A)	L 3-1
SEP 17	HUDDERSFIELD (H)	D 1-1
SEP 20	BURNLEY (A) CC3	L 2-1
SEP 24	BURY (A)	D 0-0
SEP 27	CHARLTON (H)	D 1-1
OCT 1	NOTTS COUNTY (H)	W 3-0
OCT 10	OLDHAM (A)	L 2-1
OCT 15	BOURNEMOUTH (H)	D 2-2
OCT 22	SCUNTHORPE (H)	D 0-0
OCT 25	SHEFF UTD (A)	L 2-1
OCT 29	WALSALL (A)	
NOV 5	ROCHDALE (H)	
NOV 19	COLCHESTER (A)	
NOV 26	WYCOMBE (H)	
DEC 10	TRANMERE (A)	
DEC 17	PRESTON (H)	
DEC 26	LEYTON ORIENT (A)	
DEC 31	BRENTFORD (A)	
JAN 2	COLCHESTER (H)	
JAN 7	STEVENAGE (A)	
JAN 14	CARLISLE (H)	
JAN 21	NOTTS COUNTY (A)	
JAN 28	SHEFF WED (H)	
FEB 4	HUDDERSFIELD (A)	
FEB 11	BURY (H)	
FEB 14	CHARLTON (A)	
FEB 18	OLDHAM (H)	
FEB 25	BOURNEMOUTH (A)	
MAR 3	HARTLEPOOL (A)	
MAR 6	YEOVIL (H)	
MAR 10	EXETER (H)	
MAR 17	CHESTERFIELD (A)	
MAR 20	LEYTON ORIENT (H)	
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APR 28	ROCHDALE (A)	
MAY 5	WALSALL (H)	

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LOCAL FOOTBALL

MK SUNDAY LEAGUE

STONY Stratford kept up their 100 per cent start to the Premier Division season with a hard fought 3-0 win against Trade 2U, the goals came from Alder, Davis and White.

The win came despite Stony playing the last 25 minutes with ten men thanks to a sending off.

Willen stay at the top with their sixth consecutive win, a 5-2 triumph over Open University, with goals from Bass, Pinnock, Sands, L.Smith and S.Smith

The other game in the league saw FC Lifesearch defeat Padbury AFC 3-1.

There were two games in Division One with Punjab Utd defeating MK Legends 2-1 and New City Saints and MK United fighting out a goalless draw.

In the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup Great Mile Ash bowed out with a 5-2 defeat against Elm Farm and in the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup AFC Santander progressed to round three with a 4-2 penalty win against Maidenhead Nomads after the game ended goalless.

Also through are CS Athletic who defeated Scouting for Goals 6-2, FC MMIX who defeated Misty Moon 5-1, and Kings Arms and Loughton Athletic who were both awarded their ties.

Olney Town bowed out with a 4-2 defeat against Milton Keynes 87, Stoke Hammond exited after a 4-1 defeat to FC Bricklayers, and Stantonbury Social A had their game awarded against them.

MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

I was happy to meet Mark Smith this week, a soldier from the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, he's going to carry out the match ball at the next home game against Rochdale, to mark Armed Forces Day.

He had a leg amputated but he's so positive and such a big fan of the club.

Myself, the captain Dean Lewington and David Martin were there to see him and we really enjoyed meeting him.

He's looking forward to leading the team out and he actually used to be a footballer himself.

It's tragic that he won't be able to play any more but he's going to get a new leg, he makes you feel so humble.

He doesn't feel sorry for himself at all and says he feels lucky, he looks at it as something that could have been a lot worse.

Now we've met the lad and heard about what he's been through we feel a real affinity with him.

It would be nice to win that game for Mark, in fact I think we should put it down as a must win game for us.

He's got a tattoo of the club badge on his arm and the Chairman was quite impressed with that and it shows what it means to the boy.

Mark is a real supporter who should be a lift to all of us.

With over 10,000 people in the stadium against Scunthorpe it was disappointing that we didn't put on a goal-fest, but it just wasn't to be as defences were on top.

I looked at the chances for both teams and they had a lot of different play, but they didn't really create any real chances, most of theirs were from outside the box.

I think we had the better of the chances without playing at our best, but we still didn't lose. We're a difficult team to beat and we're unbeaten at home, so there are a lot of pluses.

People keep saying that it's now one win in eight, but we've had five draws and we're in a better league position than last year.

We've got a good squad and we've had players who haven't been able to get games, but with only five subs on the bench it's been difficult, on Saturday we didn't have a goalkeeper so we could have more outfield options.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	15	4	3	0	16	5	6	1	1	14	7	18	34
2	Huddersfield	15	5	2	0	16	7	3	5	0	17	6	20	31
3	Sheffield Wed	15	7	0	0	18	5	2	2	4	11	17	7	29
4	Sheffield Utd	15	5	1	2	16	10	3	3	1	10	6	10	28
5	Notts County	15	5	1	1	15	7	3	2	3	12	11	9	27
6	Tranmere	15	4	3	1	8	4	3	1	3	9	8	5	25
7	MK Dons	15	3	5	0	16	8	3	1	3	9	8	9	24
8	Carlisle	15	3	1	3	10	13	4	2	2	11	11	-3	24
9	Preston	14	4	1	2	16	15	3	1	3	12	11	2	23
10	Hartlepool	14	2	2	3	7	7	4	2	1	14	12	2	22
11	Brentford	15	2	2	4	9	11	4	2	1	9	6	1	22
12	Oldham	15	3	2	2	8	7	3	1	4	11	15	-3	21
13	Stevenage	15	3	3	2	13	9	2	2	3	7	7	4	20
14	Colchester	15	2	4	1	10	8	2	3	3	11	14	-1	19
15	Bury	15	2	2	3	9	11	3	1	4	8	12	-6	18
16	Scunthorpe	15	1	4	2	10	11	1	5	2	9	10	-2	15
17	Walsall	15	2	3	3	7	8	1	2	4	8	10	-3	14
18	Rochdale	15	2	4	2	11	12	1	1	5	8	16	-9	14
19	Leyton Orient	15	2	1	5	8	14	1	4	2	8	13	-11	14
20	Exeter	15	3	1	4	9	13	1	1	5	2	11	-13	14
21	Bournemouth	15	1	1	5	6	13	2	3	3	10	12	-9	13
22	Chesterfield	15	2	2	4	9	11	1	1	5	9	16	-9	12
23	Wycombe	15	1	2	4	7	11	2	1	5	8	13	-9	12
24	Yeovil	15	2	1	5	9	14	0	4	3	7	11	-9	11

NO WAY THROUGH: Dean Lewington can't beat Sheffield United goalscorer Matt Phillips
Pictures: Andy Handley

Phillips knocks Dons out of play-off pack

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his shot goalwards through a packed six-yard box, when hitting the target would have opened the scoring.

There were a lot of positives for Dons in the opening 20 minutes but some slack defending allowed the Blades to sneak in front soon after.

Dons gave the ball away after trying to play a free-kick out of defence, allowing Billy Clarke to square to Richard Cresswell.

The striker had a large chunk of the Bramall Lane pitch to run into behind right-back Smith and he coolly slotted past David Martin.

Things could have got worse when the threatening Stephen Quinn found himself with room to breathe in the same corner of the pitch.

He dragged the ball back to Matt Phillips who blasted straight at Martin.

The Blades were now looking far more threatening with little action around their own penalty area following the goal and the unfamiliar defensive pairing of Beevers and Flanagan were being put under increased pressure.

Dons did enjoy some periods of possession but they showed little sign of a cutting edge or final pass against a hard working United rear guard who were now largely untroubled, with keeper George Long a spectator.

The Blades were doing all of the running and Robinson's side nearly went two behind on the stroke of half-time when Harry Maguire's back post header bounced just wide.

The home crowd wanted a penalty early in the second half when Dean Lewington tangled with Cresswell, but it was waved away and Dons suddenly had an equaliser on 52 minutes.

Robinson's side mounted an attack clinically and at speed and Ibehre slid the ball across the box to an unmarked Gleeson, who rifled an unstoppable first time thunderbolt past Long to level the match.

Suddenly the game was a lot more open with Dons sensing the chance of victory – a thought that wouldn't have seemed possible during the first half.

However, they were unable to push on and the absence of MacKenzie, usually a lynchpin at the back, was felt when the Blades forced their way back in front. Clarke skipped around Flanagan in the box and rolled the ball across Martin, allowing Phillips to easily finish into the roof of the empty net.

Robinson responded with a triple change, sending on Daniel Powell, Charlie MacDonald and Balanta for Williams, Bowditch and Ibehre.

Balanta's fiercely hit effort was straight at Long but Dons could not level, and things got worse when Smith was dismissed for picking up a second booking.

The result means Dons have slipped out of the play-off places on the back of just one win in nine League One games.

Sheffield United: Long, Lowton, Montgomery, Collins, Cresswell (Evans 62), Maguire, Clarke (Flynn 75), McDonald (Doyle 81), Quinn, Williams, Phillips. Unused subs: Simonsen, Jean-Francois.
Dons: Martin, Smith, Lewington, Beevers, Gleeson, Potter, Bowditch (Powell 69), Williams (Balanta 69), Flanagan, Ibehre (MacDonald 69), Chadwick. Unused subs: Chicksen, McNamee.

DEFLATED: Darren Potter is tackled (left), while Jabo Ibehre (right) skips past a challenge

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VINCE'S VIEW

LIONS CHIEF VINCE MACAULAY: ONLY IN MK NEWS

Hello all, to this week's Vince's View in MK NEWS.

Well following a stuffing up in Scotland, things are not quite as bubbly as this time last week.

We turned the ball over 13 times against once from the Rocks in the first half which basically was the story of the game.

If your opponent has 12 more attempts to score than you do you put yourself at a real disadvantage and really will be hard pushed to win. Several of our guys underperformed – and they know it.

Onwards and upwards this weekend.On Saturday we travel to Leicester for another nail biter as it is in the BBL Cup which is a knockout competition, we need to win this to advance to the next round.

Since our last encounter, when we defeated Leicester handsomely, they have added the GB Captain Andrew Sullivan who nailed 34 points on his debut and they have also added a 6'8" centre, so the odds are really stacked against us which means we need to be on our mettle to progress.

Following that, on Sunday we go to Brentwood to face the London Leopards in our final pool match in the BBL Trophy, victory there will ensure our semi-final place.

We are running a bus to this game, so if you would like to join us please just log on to mklions.com to book your tickets.

Sunday also saw the first victory for our U13, some of the lads are as young as ten-years-old so this was a great result for them over the Reading Rockets.

The arena has been especially busy as we hosted a Black History Month celebration on Saturday where we had live music, basketball, lovely afro-caribbean food and plenty more.

It was a terrific day enjoyed by all with Monstars pipping MK Heat in the tournament, congratulations to MK Council's youth service for organising this.

The great news that came out this week was the schedule for the basketball games on Sky Sports.

The BBL has designated the Lions to also host the first live game this season which will be on Tuesday, November 29.

We are very proud to get the schedule under way. Keep an eye on our two big games this weekend and hopefully we can make some positive progress.

In the meantime, I leave you with this week's nugget: "Individually we are one drop, together we are an ocean" – Ryunosuke Satoro.

BASKETBALL

Losing start as Rocks triumph

LIONS suffered a poor start to the British Basketball League (BBL) season as a rampant Glasgow Rocks triumphed 118-88 in Scotland.

Mike New's side let themselves down defensively after making the long trip north, on the back of 22 turnovers.

A strong team performance by the hosts proved to be too much for Lions who never recovered after a poor first half.

After the first quarter break Rocks exploded with a barrage of scoring to claim a commanding 61-34 lead at the half-time break.

Lions were held to just 11 points in the second quarter but Rocks were scoring from all over the floor.

Seven Glasgow players posted double-digit scores with Gareth Murray leading the way with 20 points, including four three pointers.

It was a stronger second half performance from Mike New's Lions but the damage had already been done and the Scots were worthy winners.

Demarius Bolds was again the star man for Lions, with 34 points, eight rebounds and five steals.

Dan Northern finished with 19 points but both players lacked support throughout the contest.

Lions forward Carl Josey told MK NEWS that the result was a 'wake up call' following two strong home BBL Trophy performances against Leicester Riders and London Leopards.

He said: "If you score 88 points in the BBL you should be in a position to win the game, but we're not going to win many if we concede over 100.

"It's disappointing, we were focusing all week on their main players and how to go up against them, but defence was a big issue.

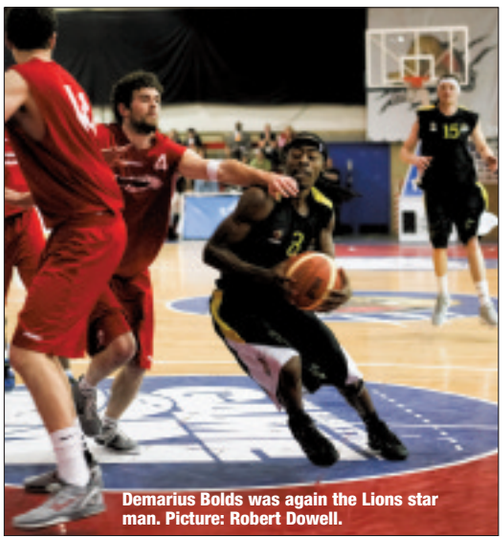
"We let Murray shoot three pointers and we knew that he was a three point shooter."

Josey said that discussions about the game were had on the long drive back to Milton Keynes, which took place straight after Sunday night's game.

Now, the team are determined to bounce back, starting on Saturday night when Lions travel to fierce rivals Leicester in the BBL Cup.

"It'll be a tough week in training and we will focus on what went wrong and try to fix it," Josey said.

"Hopefully it'll be a wake up call and we can come out again and mean business."



Demarius Bolds was again the Lions star man. Picture: Robert Dowell.

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning strike to down Basingstoke twice

ALEX Mettam was on the top of his game as MK Lightning claimed their third consecutive four point weekend.

The 23-year-old net minder was almost impregnable as Nick Poole's side claimed back-to -back victories over Basingstoke Bison to continue their impressive start to the English Premier League season.

Bison were shut-out at their own rink on Saturday as Lightning emerged as 1-0 winners, and this was followed up with a convincing 4-1 win the next night at Planet Ice.

Mettam was named as man-of-the-match on both occasions as Basingstoke tried in vain to get past him. But he told MK NEWS that the team always came before personal accolades.

He said: "The biggest thing is getting the two points. It's always nice to get man-of-the-match, it's picked by different people so it's good if they think you've played well.

"But we played so well in the past two games that any of the guys could have got it and it would have been a good choice."

Basingstoke failed to capitalise on a five-on-three powerplay on Saturday night when Poole and Michael Wales both took a seat for slashing, and with Poole still in the penalty box Leigh Jamieson broke to score the only goal of the game for Lightning.

There was more convincing scoreline in Milton Keynes 24 hours later, with Matt Towalski's early goal from a rebound setting the tone for the rest of the night.

Jamieson teed up Carr to add a second, and Carr beat Bison netminder Matt Colclough when one-on-one to add a decisive third early in the second period.

Bison player-coach Steve Moria added a consolation with barely five minutes left on the clock to deny Mettam a second shut-out.

This prompted the visitors to remove their net minder, a tactic which backfired when Jamieson slid the fourth into the empty net.

It was another excellent weekend for Lightning who have now recorded two four point weekends where they have only let in one goal.

The lack of high scoring games in the league so far this season could hold Lightning in good stead for the campaign, according to Mettam.

He said: "The way we set up we'd hope that nobody is going to blow us out of the water, so if we can win the one and two goal games it will be a bonus. Every game will be tough so to get a shut-out is good for me.

"You need a little bit of luck though, they had one that rung the crossbar and on another day that could have dropped in."

Mettam added that having 36-year-old net minder Barry Hollyhead at the club was something that helped him.

"Obviously he's been there and done it so he's someone I can learn from," he said.

"I think his attitude and calmness are the biggest things I can take from him."

Alex Mettam keeps the Bison out.

Lightning will now be aiming for a fourth straight four point weekend, and face a home clash against Peterborough Phantoms on Saturday before Sunday's trip to Bracknell Bees.

Poole's side have already claimed a 7-4 aggregate win against the Phantoms in the pre-season Ashes games, and the club's near rivals have made a slow start to the season.

However, Poole said they wouldn't be underestimating any of their opponents.

He said: "One of our targets this season is to win trophies and to do that we need to stay focused right until the final buzzer.

"We'll apply the same focus to taking a win from that game as we would from facing any other team in the league."

SPORTSSHORTS

RUGBY UNION

Swanage and Wareham 20 Bletchley 13

WITH numerous players unavailable for selection, there was a chance for some younger players as Bletchley travelled to Swanage in the South West 1 East.

It was a great start for the visitors who raced into a 10-0 lead thanks to Dave Coleman's penalty and Ryan Cane's converted try.

However, Charlie Parish ran past five players to touch down for Swanage and when Glyn Alner also went over Bletchley found themselves 14-10 behind at the break.

In the second half Bletchley could only manage another penalty from Coleman, whereas Swanage kicked for the posts twice to secure their win, which leaves the visitors eighth in the league.

HOCKEY

MK Ladies 1sts 9 Abingdon Pilgrims 1sts 0

MK ARE fourth in the table after this dominant victory over Abingdon.

Player-of-the-match Sophie Reynolds tucked home the opener and Annette Van Zyl fired home from the top of the D to make it two.

Goals from Helen Cooke, Charlotte Batty and another from Reynolds made it 5-0 at half-time.

Reynolds added another two in the second half and Cooke and Gemma Meredith also got on the scoresheet to complete the convincing win.

ATHLETICS

THE men of Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club had another good outing at the annual Ampthill Cross Country race, finishing second to Cambridge and Coleridge.

Leading the way home for the club in sixth place was Adam Atkins, recording 32m 37s, with veteran Steve Herring (M40) three places behind with a time of 33m 02s.

SWIMMING

TWELVE City of Milton Keynes Swim Club members were involved in the National Inter-Counties Championships, representing the Oxon and North Bucks County team, who put in one of their best performances in years.

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GYMNASTICS

MK SPRINGERS have been crowned as Buckinghamshire County Champions.

The club achieved 16 tumbling medals and 12 group medals on floor and will now decide who to take to the regional championships in Southampton.

KARTING

THIRTY-four karts took part across two classes in the annual Daytona MK 24-hours race.

More than 190 competitors took part in the endurance event, which was won by Red Hot Racing some 36,219 laps later.

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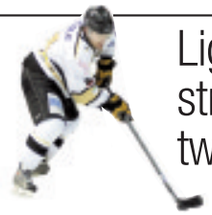

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Smith sees red as Dons put to sword

CROWDED OUT: Jabo Ibehre can't bundle the ball in at Bramall Lane last night Picture: Andy Handley

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DONS were downed last night as two goals either side of a Stephen Gleeson wonder-strike handed Sheffield United a 2-1 victory at Bramall Lane, while a late sending off for Adam Smith saw the visitors end the match with ten men.

Karl Robinson's side went in one behind at the break after a hit and miss first half, though Gleeson's sublime strike levelled matters to give Dons hope. But the visitors, playing with a reshuffled defence, conceded again to give the win to United, managed by former Dons boss Danny Wilson.

Jabo Ibehre was given the nod to start up front in place on Clinton Morrison, whose loan spell from Sheffield Wednesday has expired.

Robinson was also without usual centre back Gary MacKenzie, who failed to shake off a knock picked up against Scunthorpe, so Mark Beevers and youngster Tom Flanagan played in the centre of defence.

Angelo Balanta was also dropped to the bench which meant there was a chance for Shaun Williams in midfield.

It was a bright start by Dons and Ibehre nearly marked his return to the starting line-up with a goal after seven minutes. Williams found space on the left flank before rolling the ball across the box, but Ibehre's near-post flick went the wrong side of the upright.

United were being restricted to half chances and Dons came even closer to an opener when Dean Bowditch got some joy on the left flank.

He found Ibehre who in turn picked out Gleeson, but the Irishman couldn't direct

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Robbo: Dons missing Baldock

Luke Chadwick flies in to tackle Scunthorpe's Andy Barcham.

KARL Robinson admitted that Dons are missing striker Sam Baldock after his side drew a blank in a goalless draw with Scunthorpe on Saturday.

The forward joined West Ham in a £2million deal during the transfer window and the Dons manager could have done with the star hitman during the stalemate with the Iron.

It was a frustrating afternoon on Saturday with Dons a few levels below what they have been known to produce.

Robinson said: "For the first ten minutes, they sat off and had every man behind the ball.

"It's so hard to get in between the lines or get over the top. Don't forget we're missing Sam who gave us that threat in behind.

"He gave us pace and a goal threat if teams are going to play a high line."

Robinson believes Charlie MacDonald, who is on the way back from a thigh problem, will be able to provide the qualities Baldock had.

But the club will have to splash the cash to welcome back Clinton Morrison from Sheffield Wednesday.

The striker shone with three goals during his one month loan spell, which ended on Saturday, but the Owls now seem reluctant to let him return to a near rival without financial incentive.

This will come as a blow to manager and player, who both wanted the initial deal to be extended.

However, Dons were able to welcome back forward Jabo Ibehre for the Scunthorpe game, who has also suffered a spell on the sidelines with injury.

The 28-year-old striker was involved in a major incident when he tumbled in the box in the second half under the challenge of Shane Duffy – but Dons weren't awarded a penalty.

Robinson said: "It was blatant. Jabo's pinned him and then he's took his legs from underneath him."

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